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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

School finance-student enrichment instruction.

Sponsored by: HDRAFT

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; establishing and funding
2 the supplemental assistance program for student enrichment
3 instruction; establishing assistance criteria and imposing
4 duties upon the department of education; imposing reporting
5 requirements; providing an appropriation; and providing for
6 an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) The supplemental financial assistance program for
13 student enrichment instruction is established. To the
14 extent funds are appropriated by the legislature from the

1 school foundation program account for purposes of this
2 program, the department of education may provide financial
3 assistance to school districts which is in addition to
4 amounts available under the education resource block grant
5 model. Supplemental assistance under this section shall
6 augment district resources available for provision of
7 student enrichment instruction, shall be limited to
8 enrichment instruction provided during summer sessions
9 beyond the required school year under W.S. 21-13-307(a)(ii)
10 and shall also be limited to programs complying with
11 program requirements and criteria established by rule and
12 regulation of the department. The department may provide
13 technical assistance to districts in supplemental
14 assistance application under this section and in program
15 development and implementation, focusing on program
16 curriculum, instruction, assessment and accountability.

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18 (b) Each school district may apply to the department
19 of education for supplemental assistance under this section
20 on or before April 15 of that school year immediately
21 preceding the summer session for which assistance is
22 requested. Application shall be on a form and in a manner
23 prescribed by the department and at minimum, shall include:

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2 (i) A description of program content including

3 enrichment learning strategies to be employed;

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5 (ii) Evidence that proposed enrichment learning

6 strategies included in the instructional program are

7 research-based;

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9 (iii) Documentation of the use of any national

10 sources for discovering, establishing and implementing

11 research-based instructional practices;

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13 (iv) A plan for evaluating participating student

14 progress and analyzing the effectiveness of the enrichment

15 instruction program.

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17 (c) For the 2010-2011 school year only, the

18 department shall, on or before April 1, 2010, notify each

19 district of supplemental assistance available under this

20 section, together with program application requirements and

21 associated documentation.

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1 (d) On or before May 15 of that school year
2 immediately preceding the summer session for which
3 supplemental assistance is requested, application review by
4 the department shall be completed and selected districts
5 shall be notified of any estimated assistance allocation to
6 be made available to the district for the applicable summer
7 session. Supplemental assistance allocations shall be
8 determined from among all applications filed with the
9 department based upon the extent to which the applicant
10 district program complies with the following criteria:

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12 (i) Research-based, quality instructional
13 opportunities provided for students to meet or exceed state
14 and local academic program standards through academic
15 enrichment supporting student learning and development,
16 which reinforce and complement regular academic programs;

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18 (ii) Linkage of program components to academic
19 standards;

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21 (iii) Learning opportunities and activities
22 available under the program are clearly distinguishable and

1 different from district programs offered during the regular
2 school day and during the regular school year;

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4 (iv) Evaluation instruments and processes to be
5 implemented and established for determining program
6 effectiveness.

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8 (e) Determinations of supplemental assistance
9 distributions under this section shall be in addition to
10 and not considered in determining the school foundation
11 program amount under W.S. 21-13-309. Assistance shall be
12 available to recipient districts during the summer session
13 for which application is made, and shall be distributed
14 periodically by the department on a payment schedule
15 established by the department and the recipient district as
16 necessary to reimburse the district for incurred program
17 costs, provided the total amount reimbursed to that
18 district does not exceed the total amount established by
19 the department as that district's portion of the total
20 legislative appropriation for the applicable summer
21 session.

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1 (f) On or before October 1 of that school year
2 immediately following the summer session for which
3 assistance was received under this section, each recipient
4 district shall report to the department of education on
5 expenditures of amounts distributed under this section
6 together with additional information required by the
7 department on enrichment strategies employed by the
8 district, the impact of the program on student performance
9 and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the enrichment
10 strategies employed by the recipient district. If the
11 recipient district received prior student enrichment
12 assistance from the department pursuant to previous
13 legislative enactment and funding, the report shall include
14 an analysis and evaluation of program impact on student
15 performance and enrichment strategies over the combined
16 period of time the district operated the program using
17 state funds specific to this program. The department shall
18 compile the information reported by districts under this
19 subsection, and report to the joint education interim
20 committee, together with program recommendations, on or
21 before December 1 of that school year immediately following
22 the applicable summer session.

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1 **Section 2.** For the period beginning on the effective
2 date of this section and ending June 30, 2012, nine hundred
3 thousand dollars (\$900,000.00) is appropriated from the
4 public school foundation program account to the department
5 of education to be expended as necessary to implement
6 section 1 of this act. Of this appropriation, four hundred
7 fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) shall be available to
8 the department for student enrichment instruction
9 assistance to districts for the 2010 summer session, and
10 the remaining four hundred fifty thousand dollars
11 (\$450,000.00) shall be available to the department for
12 assistance to districts for enrichment instruction in the
13 2011 summer session.

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15 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
18 Constitution.

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