

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

School finance-vocational education-2.

Sponsored by: (s) Hdraft

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; imposing duties upon the
 2 state superintendent and the school audit section of the
 3 department of audit for the administration and
 4 implementation of the vocational education adjustment to
 5 the cost-based school finance formula; imposing reporting
 6 requirements upon school districts; providing
 7 appropriations and positions; and providing for an
 8 effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-513(b) by creating a new
 13 paragraph (ix), 21-2-202(a) by creating new paragraphs
 14 (xxiii) through (xxvi), 21-2-203(c) by creating a new

1 paragraph (viii), 21-2-307 and 21-3-110(a) by creating a
2 new (xxviii) are amended to read:

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4 **9-1-513. School finance audits and management**
5 **studies.**

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7 (b) The school finance section within the department
8 established under subsection (a) of this section shall:

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10 (ix) In addition to paragraph (i) of this
11 subsection, conduct periodic audits of vocational education
12 information and computations submitted by districts in
13 accordance with W.S. 21-13-329 and include audit findings
14 in the report to the department of education required under
15 paragraph (iv) of this subsection and the report to the
16 legislature required under paragraph (xiii) of this
17 subsection. Each district shall be audited for purposes of
18 this paragraph not less than once every three (3) years.

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20 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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22 (a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law,
23 the state superintendent shall:

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1 (xxiii) Establish criteria and guidelines for
2 the identification of vocational education courses by
3 districts, for the computation of full time equivalent
4 (FTE) students participating in vocation education courses
5 and for the determination of full time equivalent
6 vocational education teachers, and provide for the annual
7 collection of information necessary to implement and
8 administer W.S. 21-13-329;

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10 (xxiv) Develop a process and procedures
11 necessary for consideration of district waivers authorized
12 under W.S. 21-13-329 for specified instructional and
13 career-vocational education program requirements, including
14 incentives encouraging teacher certification and program
15 course sequencing compliance;

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17 (xxv) Establish necessary procedural and
18 monitoring requirements for implementation of the
19 vocational education grant program authorized under W.S.
20 21-13-329, including consideration of prior funds generated
21 by any vocational education programs terminated by the
22 district;

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1 (xxvi) By rule and regulation, provide for the
2 reporting of district vocational education expenditures of
3 amounts distributed under W.S. 21-13-329.

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5 **21-2-203. School district data collection; division**
6 **established; duties and responsibilities specified.**

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8 (c) The duties of the division are, in accordance
9 with rules promulgated by the state superintendent, to:

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11 (viii) Assist the state superintendent in
12 implementing W.S. 21-13-329 and assist districts with
13 computations necessary for reporting student vocational
14 education participation and vocational education
15 instruction information.

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17 **21-2-307. State board of vocational education;**
18 **duties.**

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20 (a) The state board of education acts as the state
21 board of vocational education and may promulgate rules
22 necessary to implement this section. The executive
23 director of the community college commission is designated

1 an ex officio member of the state board of vocational
2 education.

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4 (b) In addition to other duties assigned under W.S.
5 21-2-304, the state board shall review career-vocational
6 education programs offered by school districts to ensure
7 the programs satisfactorily serve the needs of students
8 within the state and are aligned with state content and
9 performance standards prescribed in accordance with W.S.
10 21-2-304(a)(iii).

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12 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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14 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
15 shall:

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17 (xxviii) Annually report to the state
18 superintendent on the expenditure of amounts distributed to
19 the district under W.S. 21-13-329, broken down by school,
20 and submitted in a manner and form required by rule and
21 regulation of the state superintendent.

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23 **Section 2.**

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1 (a) One hundred eighty-five thousand sixty-seven
2 dollars (\$185,067.00) is appropriated from the general fund
3 to the state superintendent of public instruction as
4 necessary to implement and administer this act. In
5 addition, the state superintendent is authorized an
6 additional one (1) full-time permanent position and one (1)
7 part-time at-will employee contract (AWEC) position for
8 purposes of implementing this act. On or before July 1,
9 2004, the state superintendent shall report to the joint
10 education interim committee and the joint appropriations
11 committee on the expenditure of funds appropriated under
12 this section, the positions filled and the status of these
13 positions.

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15 (b) The state superintendent shall as soon as
16 reasonable possible, notify school districts of the
17 reporting and informational requirements imposed under W.S.
18 21-13-329.

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

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