

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

School finance-at-risk adjustment.

Sponsored by: (s) Hdraft

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; requiring the department
 2 of education to collect and analyze data and report on
 3 specified refinements to the at-risk adjustment to the
 4 school finance cost-based model; directing the department
 5 to report on summer school intervention program assistance;
 6 and providing for an effective date.

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

10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) For purposes of refining the identification and
 13 funding of services to students at risk as reflected in the
 14 at-risk adjustment to the education resource block grant
 15 model under W.S. 21-13-332, the state department of

1 education shall collect and analyze information necessary
2 to accurately reflect mobility or other similar or
3 equivalent measure as a refinement to the use of the
4 unduplicated count of student participation in the free or
5 reduced-price lunch program and limited English speaking
6 program as current statutory proxies for at-risk student
7 identification under the adjustment. Following the
8 collection and analysis of data, recommendations shall be
9 developed on the use of mobility or other similar or
10 equivalent measure in supplementing or weighting the
11 existing statutory at-risk adjustment proxies. On or
12 before November 1, 2003, the department shall report
13 findings and recommendations developed under this
14 subsection to the joint education interim committee.

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16 (b) In addition to subsection (a) of this section,
17 the state department shall design a grant program to be
18 made available to districts for funding costs associated
19 with summer school intervention and remediation programs
20 for children at-risk. The grant program shall be separate
21 from funds received by districts under the education
22 resource block grant model, shall be available to districts
23 upon application to and review by the department and shall
24 be implemented in sufficient time to provide funds for

1 programs offered during the 2004 summer session.
2 Application procedures, program criteria, eligibility
3 requirements and grant limitations shall be specified in
4 the submitted program design. The department shall report
5 to the joint education interim committee on the established
6 program design and recommended program funding levels by
7 November 1, 2003.

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9 **Section 2.** Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is
10 appropriated from the general fund to the state department
11 of education to implement section 1 of this act.

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

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