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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

School finance-regional cost adjustment.

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for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the regional
2 cost adjustment to the cost-based school finance funding
3 model; requiring further study on the adjustment; providing
4 an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-309(o) (ii) is amended to read:

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10 **21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in**
11 **foundation program for each district.**

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13 (o) The revised model amount per ADM for each
14 district computed under subsection (n) of this section
15 shall be further adjusted for the following. Unless

1 otherwise specified in this subsection, the adjustments
2 under this subsection shall be determined as specified in
3 the education resource block grant model:

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5 (ii) The amount, after the adjustment under
6 paragraph (o) (i) of this subsection has been made, shall be
7 further adjusted for regional cost ~~of living~~ differences.

8 For school year 2003-2004 only, the adjustment for regional
9 cost ~~of living~~ differences shall be based upon the
10 following:

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12 (A) The adjustment shall be computed under
13 subdivisions (o) (ii) (A) (I) and (II) of this section for
14 each district and the larger computed adjustment shall be
15 applied to the revised model amount per ADM for that
16 district:

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18 (I) The Wyoming cost-of-living index,
19 as computed by the division of economic analysis,
20 department of administration and information;

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22 (II) The parabolic cost-of-living
23 adjustment based upon the Wyoming cost-of-living index and
24 teacher salary data for school year 2002-2003.

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(B) The version of the Wyoming cost-of-living index used under this paragraph shall be the average of the six (6) consecutive semi-annual index reports completed by January 1 prior to the school year for which it is to be used.

(a) Based upon study findings contained within the November 2002 report on the regional cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model, a copy of which is on file with the legislative service office, the division of economic analysis, department of administration and information, shall report to the joint education interim committee on final recommendations for an instrument to measure regional cost differences in Wyoming. Recommendations shall define a rigorous statistical adjustment that considers and accounts for salary demands in all regions of the state and shall minimize incentives for discretionary actions by school districts to impact adjustment estimations. The report shall be submitted to the joint education interim committee on or before November 1, 2003.

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2 (b) Following receipt of the report required under
3 subsection (a) of this section, the joint education interim
4 committee shall submit recommendations and enabling
5 legislation to the legislature which implement a regional
6 cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model
7 for school year 2004-2005 and each school year thereafter.
8 Recommendations shall be submitted under this subsection in
9 sufficient time for consideration by the legislature during
10 the 2004 budget session.

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12 (c) Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) is
13 appropriated from the general fund to the division of
14 economic analysis, department of administration and
15 information, to conduct the analysis and study necessary
16 for development of recommendations under this section.

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18 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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