

SENATE FILE NO. SF0089

Reading assessment and intervention-study.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott and Boggs

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; requiring a study of the
2 reading assessment and intervention program; providing for
3 a report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
4 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.**

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10 (a) The state department of education shall conduct
11 an evaluation of the reading assessment and intervention
12 program created by 2001 Wyoming Session Laws, chapter 189,
13 and codified at W.S. 21-3-401. The evaluation shall:

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15 (i) Identify the most successful and least
16 successful school districts, and, where appropriate,
17 schools within districts, in teaching children to read

1 based on the results of the 2005 fourth grade Wyoming
2 comprehensive assessment system (WYCAS) test and the 2006
3 proficiency assessments for Wyoming students (PAWS) test;

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5 (ii) Identify the reasons for the success or
6 lack thereof of those districts and schools;

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8 (iii) Identify the extent to which the districts
9 and schools have complied with the specific requirements of
10 W.S. 21-3-401;

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12 (iv) Identify the progress or lack of progress
13 statewide in improving reading scores using the 2000 and
14 2001 scores as a base line and concentrating especially on
15 the percentage of students in the lowest category of the
16 WYCAS or PAWS tests;

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18 (v) Estimate the statewide compliance or lack of
19 compliance with the specific requirements of W.S. 21-3-401;

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21 (vi) Make any recommendations the department
22 feels are appropriate concerning continuing, modifying,
23 more vigorously enforcing or repealing the program provided
24 by W.S. 21-3-401.

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2 (b) The department is authorized to contract with an
3 appropriate firm or individuals to conduct all or part of
4 the evaluation required by subsection (a) of this section.

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6 (c) The department shall submit the report to the
7 joint education interim committee, the state board of
8 education and the school boards of the several districts by
9 October 1, 2006.

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11 **Section 2.** There is appropriated to the department of
12 education from the general fund seventy-five thousand
13 dollars (\$75,000.00) for the purposes of the evaluation
14 required by this act.

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

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21 (END)