

SENATE FILE NO. SF0098

High school career training program.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Jennings and Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to high school career training;
2 appropriating funds to the department of workforce services
3 to develop a high school career training program;
4 specifying participants and program components; imposing
5 duties and reporting requirements; granting rulemaking
6 authority; and providing for 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) One million three hundred thousand dollars
13 (\$1,300,000.00) is appropriated from the public school
14 foundation program account to the department of workforce
15 services to develop a high school career training program
16 designed to prepare Wyoming high school students for

1 employment in Wyoming upon high school graduation, subject
2 to the following:

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4 (i) The primary purpose of the high school
5 career training program is to assist high school students
6 with employment within Wyoming in an industry for which the
7 student receives training under this program;

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9 (ii) The department shall by rule and regulation
10 establish a program to train Wyoming high school students
11 for Wyoming jobs and shall consult with industry, training
12 entities and school districts in developing and designing
13 training programs under this section. As used in this
14 paragraph:

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16 (A) "Industry" means a business entity,
17 group of entities or an industry association;

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19 (B) "Training entities" mean community
20 colleges, public and private post secondary education
21 institutions and private schools or organizations providing
22 career training in Wyoming which are licensed or registered
23 under W.S. 21-2-401 through 21-2-407, and boards of
24 cooperative educational services.

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2 (iii) The partners specified under paragraph
3 (ii) of this subsection shall subject to department rule
4 and regulation, apply to the department for funding to
5 develop and operate a training program under this section
6 based upon industry standards. Training program funding
7 under this section shall target high demand occupations and
8 shall require approval by the department and agreement by
9 all members participating under paragraph (ii) of this
10 subsection to forward the application as a training program
11 under this section;

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13 (iv) The training program shall not exceed six
14 (6) months and shall be designed such that:

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16 (A) A student or individual may enroll
17 during the spring semester of grade twelve (12) or within
18 three (3) months immediately following high school
19 graduation or attainment of a general educational
20 development (GED) equivalency diploma, as applicable;

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22 (B) Participation is limited to a student
23 or individual between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-
24 one (21) years;

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2 (C) Program participation may include an
3 individual not enrolled in high school but actively
4 pursuing a GED equivalency diploma; and

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6 (D) Program participation eligibility is
7 limited to those students or individuals screened and
8 forwarded by industry prior to placement in a specific
9 program.

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11 (b) The department shall develop industry specific
12 career awareness mechanisms to promote and provide
13 awareness of Wyoming career training opportunities under
14 this section. "Industry", as defined under subparagraph
15 (a)(ii)(A) of this section, shall apply to the department
16 for inclusion in the development and implementation of
17 career awareness mechanisms under this subsection.

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19 (c) Prior to the 2010 general session of the
20 legislature, the department shall report to the joint
21 education interim committee and the joint appropriations
22 interim committee on the training program, industry and
23 student participation in the program and on expenditures of
24 amounts appropriated under subsection (d) of this section.

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2 (d) The amount appropriated from the school
3 foundation program account under subsection (a) of this
4 section shall be for the period commencing on the effective
5 date of this act and ending on June 30, 2010, and shall be
6 expended by the department as follows:

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8 (i) One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the
9 high school career training program authorized under
10 subsection (a) of this section;

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12 (ii) Three hundred thousand dollars
13 (\$300,000.00) for the career awareness mechanism developed
14 under subsection (b) of this section and for necessary
15 department administrative costs.

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

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22 (END)