

SENATE FILE NO. SF0056

School finance appropriations.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; continuing specified
2 off-model school district financial assistance programs;
3 imposing reporting requirements upon the department of
4 education; modifying specified assistance amounts;
5 providing appropriations; and providing for effective
6 dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.** 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, chapter 95,
11 section 1101(a) through (e) is amended to read:

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13 **Section 1101.**

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15 (a) The supplemental financial assistance
16 pilot project for student enrichment instruction
17 is established. Under the project the department

1 of education may provide financial assistance in
2 addition to the education resource block grant
3 model for selected districts for the provision of
4 student enrichment instruction programs during
5 the 2008 and 2009 summer school ~~session~~sessions.
6 The project shall meet program requirements and
7 criteria established by rule and regulation of
8 the department.

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10 (b) Each school district may apply to the
11 department of education for assistance under this
12 section on or before April 15, 2008, and on or
13 before April 15, 2009 for the 2009 summer school
14 session or the 2009-2010 school year, as
15 applicable. Application shall be on a form and
16 in a manner prescribed by the department. At
17 minimum, the application shall include a
18 description of program content including
19 enrichment learning strategies to be employed.

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21 (c) The department shall notify each
22 district of its eligibility to submit an
23 application to be considered for assistance under
24 this section for a pilot project no later than

1 May 1, 2008. For the 2009 summer school session,
2 notification to school districts shall be
3 provided by May 1, 2009. The department shall
4 state in the notice to the districts the
5 application program requirements and shall award
6 funding for selected districts to implement a
7 summer school enrichment pilot program. On or
8 before May 31, 2008 or May 31, 2009, as
9 applicable, the department shall distribute
10 assistance to each district selected to
11 participate in the summer school pilot enrichment
12 project under this section.

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14 (d) Four hundred fifty thousand dollars
15 (\$450,000.00) is appropriated from the public
16 school foundation program account to the
17 department of education to be expended as
18 necessary to implement this section. This
19 appropriation shall be for the period beginning
20 with the effective date of this section and
21 ending June 30, 2009. To continue supplemental
22 assistance for student enrichment instruction in
23 the 2009 summer school session and into the
24 2009-2010 school year, an additional four hundred

1 fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) is
2 appropriated from the public school foundation
3 program account to the department of education
4 for the period commencing on the effective date
5 of this subsection and ending June 30, 2010.

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7 (e) Each recipient district shall report by
8 October 1, 2008, or by October 1, 2009, as
9 applicable, to the department of education on
10 expenditures of amounts distributed under this
11 section together with additional information
12 required by the department on enrichment
13 strategies employed by the district, the impact
14 of the program on student performance and an
15 evaluation of the effectiveness of the enrichment
16 strategies employed by the recipient district.
17 If the recipient district received student
18 enrichment assistance for the 2008 summer school
19 session or the 2008-2009 school year, and the
20 2009 summer school session or the 2009-2010
21 school year, the report shall include an analysis
22 and evaluation of program impact on student
23 performance and enrichment strategies over the
24 combined two (2) year period. The department

1 shall compile the information reported by
2 districts under this subsection, and report to
3 the joint education interim committee, together
4 with program recommendations, on or before
5 December 1, 2008, and on or before December 1,
6 2009 for programs funded in the 2009 summer
7 session and 2009-2010 school year. Program
8 recommendations shall also address 2010 model
9 recalibration and provide recommendations on
10 future enrichment program funding as a cost-based
11 component of the block grant model or
12 continuation as an off-model categorical
13 assistance program.

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15 **Section 2.**

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17 (a) 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 95, Section
18 601(e) is amended to read:

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20 **Section 601.**

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22 (e) The amount of assistance for each
23 qualifying applicant district under this section
24 shall be the lesser of the total amount of the

1 funding deficit experienced by that district for
2 the school year immediately preceding the year of
3 application, or an amount determined by
4 multiplying the per meal reimbursement computed
5 for the school year of application under
6 subsection (d) of this section times the number
7 of qualifying meals reported by the applicant
8 district under subsection (c) of this section.
9 Payments for each qualifying district shall be
10 made by the department not later than October 15
11 of the school year of application.

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13 (b) For the period beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
14 June 30, 2010, four million five hundred thousand dollars
15 (\$4,500,000.00) is appropriated from the public school
16 foundation program account to the department of education
17 to continue financial assistance to school districts for
18 food service programs as provided under 2008 Wyoming
19 Session Laws, chapter 95, section 601. Program rules and
20 regulations adopted under 2008 Wyoming Session Laws,
21 chapter 95, section 602 for school year 2008-2009 shall
22 apply to school year 2009-2010, and reporting requirements
23 imposed under 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, chapter 95,
24 section 601(f) shall be expanded to evaluate program impact

1 and effectiveness over the combined two (2) year period
2 including school years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

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4 **Section 3.** Five million eight hundred ninety-four
5 thousand three hundred six dollars (\$5,894,306.00) is
6 appropriated from the public school foundation program
7 account to the department of education, to be expended only
8 to augment amounts within the department's budget for the
9 supplemental funding program for instructional facilitators
10 and instructional coaches pursuant to W.S. 21-13-335. This
11 appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1,
12 2009, and ending June 30, 2010.

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14 **Section 4.**

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16 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this
17 section, this act is effective July 1, 2009.

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1 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
2 section 1 of this act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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