

SENATE FILE NO. SF0042

School finance-student enrichment instruction.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; establishing and funding
2 the supplemental assistance program for student enrichment
3 instruction; establishing assistance criteria and imposing
4 duties upon the department of education; imposing reporting
5 requirements; providing an appropriation; and providing for
6 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) For the 2010-2011 school year only, the
13 department of education may provide financial assistance to
14 school districts which is in addition to amounts available
15 under the education resource block grant model.
16 Supplemental assistance under this section shall augment
17 district resources available for provision of student

1 enrichment instruction, shall be limited to enrichment
2 instruction provided during summer sessions beyond the
3 required school year under W.S. 21-13-307(a)(ii) and shall
4 also be limited to programs complying with program
5 requirements and criteria established by rule and
6 regulation of the department. The department may provide
7 technical assistance to districts in supplemental
8 assistance application under this section and in program
9 development and implementation, focusing on program
10 curriculum, instruction, assessment and accountability.

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12 (b) Each school district may apply to the department
13 of education for supplemental assistance under this section
14 on or before April 15, 2010. Application shall be on a
15 form and in a manner prescribed by the department and at
16 minimum, shall include:

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18 (i) A description of program content including
19 enrichment learning strategies to be employed;

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21 (ii) Evidence that proposed enrichment learning
22 strategies included in the instructional program are
23 research-based;

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1 (iii) Documentation of the use of any national
2 sources for discovering, establishing and implementing
3 research-based instructional practices;

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5 (iv) A plan for evaluating participating student
6 progress and analyzing the effectiveness of the enrichment
7 instruction program.

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9 (c) On or before May 15, 2010, application review by
10 the department shall be completed and selected districts
11 shall be notified of any estimated assistance allocation to
12 be made available to the district for the applicable summer
13 session. Supplemental assistance allocations shall be
14 determined from among all applications filed with the
15 department based upon the extent to which the applicant
16 district program complies with the following criteria:

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18 (i) Research-based, quality instructional
19 opportunities provided for students to meet or exceed state
20 and local academic program standards through academic
21 enrichment supporting student learning and development,
22 which reinforce and complement regular academic programs;

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1 (ii) Linkage of program components to academic
2 standards;

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4 (iii) Learning opportunities and activities
5 available under the program are clearly distinguishable and
6 different from district programs offered during the regular
7 school day and during the regular school year;

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9 (iv) Evaluation instruments and processes to be
10 implemented and established for determining program
11 effectiveness.

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13 (d) Determinations of supplemental assistance
14 distributions under this section shall be in addition to
15 and not considered in determining the school foundation
16 program amount under W.S. 21-13-309. Assistance shall be
17 available to recipient districts during the summer session
18 for which application is made, and shall be distributed
19 periodically by the department on a payment schedule
20 established by the department and the recipient district as
21 necessary to reimburse the district for incurred program
22 costs, provided the total amount reimbursed to that
23 district does not exceed the total amount established by
24 the department as that district's portion of the total

1 legislative appropriation for the applicable summer
2 session.

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4 (e) On or before October 1, 2010, each recipient
5 district shall report to the department of education on
6 expenditures of amounts distributed under this section
7 together with additional information required by the
8 department on enrichment strategies employed by the
9 district, the impact of the program on student performance
10 and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the enrichment
11 strategies employed by the recipient district. If the
12 recipient district received prior student enrichment
13 assistance from the department pursuant to previous
14 legislative enactment and funding, the report shall include
15 an analysis and evaluation of program impact on student
16 performance and enrichment strategies over the combined
17 period of time the district operated the program using
18 state funds specific to this program. The department shall
19 compile the information reported by districts under this
20 subsection, and report to the joint education interim
21 committee, together with program recommendations, on or
22 before December 1, 2010.

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1 **Section 2.** For the period beginning on the effective
2 date of this section and ending June 30, 2011, four hundred
3 fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) is appropriated from
4 the public school foundation program account to the
5 department of education to be expended as necessary to
6 implement section 1 of this act.

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

13 (END)