

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0230

School safety and security.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Winters, Byrd, Freeman,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school safety and security; establishing
2 supplemental financial assistance available to school
3 districts for school resource officers for protection and
4 safety of schools; specifying eligibility for and
5 distribution of assistance and granting rulemaking
6 authority for program administration; directing the school
7 facilities commission to establish a task force for
8 reviewing school building safety and security; providing
9 for an assessment of building security needs; providing
10 appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

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

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14 **Section 1.**

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1 (a) For school year 2013-2014, supplemental financial
2 assistance shall be made available to school districts to
3 acquire school resource officers for enhancing the
4 protection and safety of students, faculty and staff
5 attending or employed within the schools of the district.

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7 (b) Each school district may apply to the department
8 of education for financial assistance under this section on
9 or before July 1, 2013 on a form and in a manner prescribed
10 by the department. Assistance shall be based upon prior
11 school year attendance reports. Application review shall
12 be in accordance with a process established by department
13 rule and regulation which at minimum, shall require
14 documentation of the following:

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16 (i) The district's safety and security plan,
17 identifying how the district would deploy supplemental
18 assistance under this section and describing the impact of
19 the program on school operations;

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21 (ii) Assurance that the district would restrict
22 expenditures of supplemental assistance to the costs of
23 employing school resource officers and not expend

1 assistance for safety and security equipment and other
2 related capital outlays;

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4 (iii) A report of any federal funds available to
5 the applicant district for the costs of employing school
6 resource officers or security aides within its schools.

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8 (c) On or before August 1, 2013, the department shall
9 notify each district of its eligibility to receive
10 financial assistance, together with an estimate of the
11 amount of assistance the eligible district would receive
12 during school year 2013-2014. The department shall
13 distribute assistance under this section to each eligible
14 district on or before October 15, 2013.

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16 (d) Financial assistance under this section shall be
17 based upon prior year attendance reports submitted by each
18 eligible school district pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(m)(iv).
19 The amount of assistance shall be computed by the
20 department for the eligible applicant district as if the
21 education resource block grant model contained a component
22 for school resource officers generating one (1) FTE
23 position for a total district ADM of one thousand (1,000)
24 or less, and one (1) additional FTE position for each

1 additional one thousand (1,000) district ADM thereafter.
2 The FTE positions shall be funded at a salary equal to
3 forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$49,500.00) per
4 school year, adjusted for regional cost differences as
5 determined for each district under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(C),
6 but not adjusted for any other compensation-related
7 benefit. Each full-time equivalent position generated
8 under this subsection above the first FTE shall be prorated
9 up and down from the specified FTE position level specified
10 for each district similar to computational operation of
11 other components within the block grant model. "FTE" and
12 "ADM" as used in this section shall be as defined in
13 ATTACHMENT "A", as referenced in W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii).

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15 (e) Financial assistance to each qualifying applicant
16 school district shall be made by the department from
17 amounts appropriated by the legislature from the foundation
18 program account for purposes of the program established by
19 this section and shall be in addition to the foundation
20 program amount computed for that district under W.S.
21 21-13-309(p). If there is an insufficient amount within
22 the school foundation program account from amounts
23 appropriated by the legislature for financial assistance
24 under this section, the department shall make a pro rata

1 reduction in financial assistance payments among all
2 qualifying districts. District expenditures of amounts
3 distributed under this section shall be solely for district
4 security resource officers in accordance with the safety
5 and security plan submitted by the district under
6 subsection (b) of this section. The department may
7 withhold or request repayment of a portion or the entire
8 amount to be distributed to any district under this section
9 for noncompliance with program documentation required to be
10 submitted by the applicant district. Any appropriated
11 amounts not expended or encumbered under this section as of
12 July 1, 2014, including any amounts distributed to
13 districts which are not spent by July 1, 2014, shall revert
14 to the foundation program account.

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16 (f) Each district shall report to the department of
17 education on expenditures of amounts distributed under this
18 section together with additional information required by
19 the department on use of school resource officers and an
20 evaluation of the impact of these officers on the
21 effectiveness of the district's school safety and security
22 programs as documented by data. The department shall
23 compile the information reported by districts under this
24 subsection and on or before October 1, 2014, report the

1 compilation to the joint education interim committee. In
2 addition and not later than December 31, 2013, the
3 department shall provide recommendations to the committee
4 on future program structure and funding.

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6 **Section 2.** For the school year commencing July 1,
7 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, five million five hundred
8 thousand dollars (\$5,500,000.00) is appropriated from the
9 school foundation program account to the department of
10 education to fund the safety and security supplemental
11 assistance program created under and subject to
12 requirements specified under section 1 of this act.

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14 **Section 3.**

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16 (a) The school facilities commission shall, through
17 the school facilities department, establish a task force to
18 conduct a review of statewide building adequacy standards
19 adopted by the commission under W.S. 21-15-115(a)(i)
20 pertaining to building safety requirements and the
21 commission's facility guidelines addressing safety and
22 security requirements for building construction and
23 equipment. The review shall identify any provisions within
24 the statewide adequacy standards or facility guidelines

1 which require modification to improve building safety and
2 security. The task force shall be comprised of
3 representatives from school districts, the department of
4 education, local law enforcement agencies and
5 representatives from the office of homeland security and
6 shall report findings to the select school facilities
7 committee no later than September 15, 2013.

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9 (b) Upon adoption of any modifications to the
10 statewide building adequacy standards and facility
11 guidelines by the school facilities commission, as reported
12 by the task force pursuant to subsection (a) of this
13 section, and following consideration of the task force
14 report by the select school facilities committee, the
15 school facilities department shall conduct an assessment of
16 school buildings based upon the revised adequacy standards
17 and facilities guidelines. The assessment shall be
18 conducted in sufficient time for reporting assessment
19 findings and any recommended facility remedies to the
20 select school facilities committee prior to the 2015
21 legislative session.

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23 (c) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) is
24 appropriated from the school capital construction account

1 to the school facilities department to carry out this
2 section for the period commencing on the effective date of
3 this section and ending June 30, 2014.

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

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10 (END)