

SENATE FILE NO. SF0047

School finance-amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; expanding monitoring
2 reporting process; adjusting cost of education study
3 components to the education resource block grant funding
4 model as specified; and providing for an 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.** W.S. 21-13-309(u) is amended to read:

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10 **21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in**
11 **foundation program for each district.**

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13 (u) To ensure model components specified under the
14 education resource block grant model defined under W.S.
15 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as enumerated and enacted by the
16 legislature and included in "Attachment A" referenced in
17 W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii), remain resourced at cost-based

1 levels between periods of model recalibration required
2 under subsection (t) of this section, and prior to
3 adjustment for the effects of inflation for any school year
4 under subsection (o) of this section, the joint education
5 interim committee shall annually receive and review reports
6 in accordance with this subsection and report to the joint
7 appropriations interim committee as required by this
8 subsection. The legislative service office shall assemble
9 information necessary to develop a model monitoring process
10 and other reports for the committee using data maintained
11 by the department of education and other state agencies.
12 For this purpose, the department shall annually update and
13 compile information, in a format contained within reports
14 provided during 2010 model recalibration, reported at the
15 model component level, on school district allocation of
16 model resources, as well as other information provided for
17 purposes of developing and completing the 2010 cost of
18 education studies. To the extent possible, education
19 accountability information collected to support W.S.
20 21-2-204 shall also be included in the monitoring process
21 data reporting and analysis. Each year excluding the first
22 school year of application of any model recalibration
23 performed under subsection (t) of this section, the
24 information and analysis assembled by the legislative

1 service office under this subsection shall be reported to
2 the joint education interim committee in sufficient time to
3 allow committee review of and deliberation on the report
4 and the submission of recommendations to the joint
5 appropriations interim committee by October 15 of the
6 applicable school year. Report recommendations shall be
7 used by the joint appropriations interim committee in its
8 determination of legislative recommendation on model
9 adjustment under subsection (o) of this section.

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11 **Section 2.**

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13 (a) For school year 2013-2014, the model components
14 specified within the 2010 cost of education study, as
15 accepted by the legislature but prior to modification by
16 the legislature under 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter
17 185, Attachment "A"(b), shall be adjusted for the effects
18 of inflation in accordance with recommendations of the 2012
19 monitoring series of reports assembled and submitted
20 pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(u). The adjustments to model
21 components under this section shall be applied to the
22 levels of respective components which have been adjusted in
23 accordance with 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99,
24 Section 5. The August 2011 report contains recommendations

1 by consultants to the legislature and is on file with the
2 legislative service office. Adjustments shall be as
3 follows:

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5 (i) For the educational materials category of
6 model components as defined by 2011 Wyoming Session Laws,
7 Chapter 185, Attachment "A"(a)(iii), as amended by 2012
8 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3, two and
9 seventy-eight hundredths percent (2.78%) reflecting the
10 annual change measured by the BLS Producer Price Index for
11 Office Supplies and Accessories;

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13 (ii) For the energy category of model components
14 as defined by 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185,
15 Attachment "A"(a)(iv), as amended by 2012 Wyoming Session
16 Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3, a negative four and sixty-
17 three hundredths percent (-4.63%) reflecting the annual
18 change measured by the BLS Producer Price Index for
19 Commercial Electric Power weighted at 44.1% and the BLS
20 Producer Price Index for Natural Gas weighted at 55.9%.

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22 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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24 (END)