

SENATE FILE NO. SF0087

Education-school finance cost-of-living adjustment.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Wasserburger and Anderson, J.D.
(SD02)

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education school finance; modifying the
2 Wyoming cost-of-living adjustment utilized by the education
3 resource block grant model; and providing for an effective
4 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(m) (v) (C) is amended to
9 read:

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

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14 (m) In determining the amount to be included in the
15 foundation program for each district, the director shall:

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(v) Based upon ADM computations and identified school configurations within each district pursuant to paragraph (iv) of this subsection, compute the foundation program amount for each district as prescribed by the education resource block grant model adopted by the Wyoming legislature as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as contained within the spreadsheets and accompanying reports referenced under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii), on file with the secretary of state and maintained by the director pursuant to W.S. 21-2-202(e). The following criteria shall be used by the director in the administration of the education resource block grant model:

(C) Salaries for all school and district level staffing categories, including teachers, principals and assistant principals, central office administrators, secretarial and clerical staff, operations and maintenance staff and aides and media technicians, shall be based upon average statewide salary levels calibrated for school year 2005-2006 for each staffing category, adjusted under subsection (o) of this section, including the experience, education and responsibility level as appropriate and as

1 computed for each staffing category. The statewide average
2 for each staffing category shall be adjusted for each
3 district based upon the district experience, education and
4 responsibility level relative to the statewide average for
5 that category. District experience, education and
6 responsibility level by appropriate staffing category shall
7 be updated each year such that district adjustments reflect
8 the prior school year staffing information. The district
9 adjusted average salary for each staffing category shall be
10 further adjusted for regional cost differences as measured
11 by the greater of the hedonic wage index or the Wyoming
12 cost-of-living index computed by the division of economic
13 analysis, department of administration and information,
14 with a minimum of one hundred (100) index value, as
15 prescribed by the education resource block grant model. For
16 purposes of the education resource block grant model, the
17 version of the Wyoming cost-of-living index used by the
18 division shall be based upon the unrecalibrated housing
19 cost index weights unless otherwise determined by the
20 legislature based upon recommendation of the joint
21 education interim committee. In addition, the version of
22 the Wyoming cost-of-living index applied under this
23 subparagraph for any school year shall be the greater of

1 the average of the two (2) consecutive semi-annual index
2 reports completed by January 1 of the immediately preceding
3 school year or the average of the six (6) consecutive semi-
4 annual index reports completed by January 1 of the
5 immediately preceding school year;

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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9 (END)