

Sponsored By: Senator(s) Wasserburger and Bebout

AN ACT relating to school finance; repealing the requirement that school districts provide evidence to the state of average student-teacher ratio to share in the distribution of funds from the foundation account; repealing associated waiver; and providing for an effective date.

1/23/2017 Bill Number Assigned
 1/24/2017 S Received for Introduction
 1/24/2017 S Introduced and Referred to S04 - Education
 1/27/2017 S04 - Education:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Coe, Ellis, Pappas, Rothfuss, Wasserburger

Ayes 5 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/27/2017 S Placed on General File

SF0134SS001/ADOPTED

Page 1-line 1 Delete "repealing" insert "eliminating".
 Page 1-line 4 After "account" insert "as specified".
 Page 1-line 5 Delete "repealing associated waiver" insert
 "eliminating related waiver procedures".

Page 1-before line 10 Insert:

"Section 1. W.S. 21-13-307(a)(iv) is amended to read:

21-13-307. Eligibility to share in distribution of money from foundation account; mandatory financial reporting.

(a) Each district which meets the following requirements is eligible to share in the distribution of funds from the foundation account:

(iv) ~~The district shall provide evidence to the state superintendent that the district has~~ Maintained an average student-teacher ratio of not greater than sixteen (16) to one (1) for the aggregate of all classes in kindergarten through grade three (3) in the district in the preceding school year. The requirement of this paragraph ~~may shall~~ be waived by the department of education for any district that ~~demonstrates has~~ insufficient school facility capacity, ~~or which maintains~~ positive school performance, ~~or~~ positive student achievement ~~or and may be waived~~ for other reasons related to the delivery of the education program to students. This paragraph shall not apply to charter schools established under W.S. 21-3-301 through 21-3-314 or schools designated as exceeding expectations pursuant to W.S. 21-2-204(e)(i)(A). Schools designated as exceeding expectations pursuant to W.S. 21-2-204(e)(i)(A) shall notify the department annually of the student teacher ratios for the aggregate of all classes in kindergarten through grade three (3) in the district in the preceding year. The department shall compute the student-teacher ratio and report it to each district not later than March 1 of each year. ~~To obtain a waiver under this paragraph, a school district shall apply to the department not later than March 15 of each year. The application shall be based on the student teacher ratio reported by the department of education, together with any other information required by the department. The department shall approve or deny an application for a~~

~~waiver under this paragraph not later than April 10 of that year. A
waiver approved under this paragraph shall be effective for the school
year immediately following the application and approval."~~

Page 1-line 10 Delete. COE, CHAIRMAN

SF0134SW001/ADOPTED

Page 1-before line 10 In the first Senate Standing Committee
amendment (SF0134SS001/A) to this line, in W.S.
21-13-307(a)(iv), after "performance~~r~~ or
positive student achievement" delete "~~or~~and"
insert ". ~~or~~ The requirement of this
paragraph". ELLIS

1/31/2017 S COW:Passed

2/1/2017 S 2nd Reading:Passed

SF0134S3001/ADOPTED

Delete the First Standing Committee amendment (SF0134SS001/A) entirely.
Delete the Ellis Committee of the Whole amendment (SF0134SW001/A)
entirely. BEBOUT, COE

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Baldwin, Bebout, Boner, Bouchard,
Burns, Case, Christensen, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Hicks, Kinskey,
Landen, Meier, Moniz, Perkins, Peterson, Scott, Von Flatern

Nays: Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Barnard, Ellis, Emerich, Hastert,
Nethercott, Pappas, Rothfuss, Wasserburger

Ayes 21 **Nays** 9 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/2/2017 S 3rd Reading:Passed 22-8-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Baldwin, Bebout, Boner, Bouchard,
Burns, Case, Christensen, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Hicks, Kinskey,
Landen, Meier, Moniz, Perkins, Peterson, Scott, Von Flatern,
Wasserburger

Nays: Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Barnard, Ellis, Emerich, Hastert,
Nethercott, Pappas, Rothfuss

Ayes 22 **Nays** 8 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/3/2017 H Received for Introduction

2/9/2017 H Introduced and Referred to H04 - Education

2/14/2017 H04 - Education:Do Pass Failed 0-9-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Nays: Representative(s) Bovee, Brown, Flitner, Freeman, Hunt, Kinner,
Northrup, Paxton, Piiparinen

Ayes 0 **Nays** 9 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/27/2017 H postponed indefinitely