

[BUDGET AFFECTED]

Budget(s): **Section 205. EDUCATION-SCHOOL FINANCE**
 (School Foundation Program)

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Page 65-line 20 After "Program" insert "1."

Page 66-after line 4 Insert:

"1. (a) Of this general fund appropriation, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be expended by the superintendent of public instruction to establish a voucher pilot project. The project shall:

 (i) Be administered by the superintendent of public instruction through the department of education;

 (ii) Operate for the 2018-2019 school year only;

 (iii) Be comprised of one hundred (100) public school students enrolled in grade eight (8) during the 2018-2019 school year. These students shall be selected by the superintendent of public instruction from among students who apply to the superintendent, without regard to school district, community or county of residence.

(b) The students selected under subsection (a) of this section shall be randomly divided into two (2) groups of fifty (50) students as follows:

 (i) One (1) group of fifty (50) students shall be enrolled in a nonpublic school, excluding home-based education programs as defined in W.S. 21-4-101(a)(v), and shall receive a payment of up to six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) during the 2018-2019 school year, which shall be used to pay tuition costs assessed by the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled. The department of education shall enter into an agreement with the parent or guardian of a selected student to ensure funding made available under this paragraph is used exclusively for tuition. Funding for payments under this section shall be made from the school foundation program account funded by the general fund. Any student within this group shall not be

1 counted within the average daily membership computed for the
2 purposes of W.S. 21-13-109.

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4 (ii) One (1) group of fifty (50) students shall serve
5 as a control group and shall be counted within the average daily
6 membership of the school district in which the student resides
7 and attends school.

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9 (c) The superintendent of public instruction shall
10 maintain a record of the results of the statewide assessment in
11 reading, writing and mathematics relating to the two (2) groups
12 specified under subsection (b) of this section during the 2018-
13 2019 school year. The superintendent shall compare the
14 performance of the two student groups and use this information
15 as a basis to make recommendations for legislative action under
16 subsection (d) of this section.

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18 (d) The superintendent of public instruction shall, not
19 later than January 1, 2020, issue a report to the joint
20 education interim committee on the performance and
21 administration of the voucher pilot program and make
22 recommendations on the future of vouchers in Wyoming education."

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24 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
25 renumber as necessary. CLEM, WINTERS