

[BUDGET AFFECTED]

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

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

Page 66-after line 4 Insert:

"1. (a) Of this other funds appropriation, one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000.00) shall be expended by the state superintendent of public instruction to establish a pilot project for a voucher system. These funds shall be from that portion of the school foundation program account funded by federal mineral royalties. The project shall:

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

 (ii) Operate for school years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 only;

 (iii) Be comprised of two hundred (200) public school students who will be enrolled in grade seven (7) during the 2018-2019 school year. The students shall be selected by the state superintendent from applicants without regard to school district, community or county of residence.

 (b) The two hundred (200) students selected pursuant to subsection (a) of this footnote shall be randomly divided into two (2) groups of one hundred (100) students subject to the following:

 (i) One (1) group of one hundred (100) students shall be enrolled in a nonpublic school and shall receive a payment of up to eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) per year during the pilot program, which shall be used to pay tuition costs assessed by the school in which the student is enrolled. The department of education shall enter into agreements with the parents or guardians of these students to ensure funding is used exclusively for tuition. The agreements shall also require that students in this group participate during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years in the statewide assessment system for

1 student performance administered under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v). Any
2 student within this group shall not be counted within the
3 average daily membership (ADM) as computed for the purpose of
4 implementing W.S. 21-13-309. Home-based education programs as
5 defined under W.S. 21-4-101(a)(v) are not eligible under this
6 paragraph;

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8 (ii) The second group of one hundred (100) students
9 shall serve as a control group only and shall be counted within
10 the ADM of the school district in which the student resides and
11 attends school.

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13 (c) The state superintendent of public instruction shall
14 maintain a record of the statewide assessment system for student
15 performance results, administered under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v)
16 during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years, for the two
17 hundred (200) students selected under subsection (b) of this
18 footnote. Using the record, the superintendent shall prepare a
19 comparison of student performance between the two (2) groups of
20 one hundred (100) students as established under subsection (b)
21 of this section. Information developed under this subsection
22 shall be used only as a basis upon which to make recommendations
23 to the legislature under subsection (d) of this footnote.

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25 (d) On or before October 1, 2019 and again on or before
26 October 1, 2020, the state superintendent of public instruction
27 shall report to the legislature on findings under this footnote
28 with respect to the pilot program and provide recommendations on
29 the future of a voucher system in Wyoming education."

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31 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
32 renumber as necessary. CASE