

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0052

Wyoming school protein enhancement project.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &  
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school nutrition; codifying a project  
2 that provides grants for school districts to increase the  
3 availability of Wyoming meat products in school nutrition  
4 programs; requiring matching funds; authorizing the  
5 department of education to accept donations and other  
6 outside funds as specified; requiring rulemaking; providing  
7 an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-10-108 is created to read:

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13 **21-10-108. The school protein enhancement project.**

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1           (a) The school protein enhancement project is  
2 created. Under the project and for the 2021-2022 school  
3 year and thereafter, the department of education may  
4 provide financial assistance to school districts to  
5 increase the quantity of Wyoming poultry, lamb, pork, beef  
6 and bison used in school meals. Financial assistance shall  
7 be provided only to pay for processing costs for Wyoming  
8 poultry, lamb, pork, beef or bison donated to a school  
9 district. The project shall meet program requirements and  
10 criteria established by rule and regulation of the  
11 department. The department shall, contingent upon available  
12 funding, provide a match of at least one dollar (\$1.00) for  
13 every one dollar (\$1.00) contributed by school districts to  
14 pay for Wyoming poultry, lamb, pork, beef or bison  
15 processing costs. The department may accept any gifts,  
16 contributions, donations, grants or federal funds  
17 specifically given to the department to support the school  
18 protein enhancement project. The department shall, to the  
19 extent possible, maintain the structure and requirements of  
20 the school protein enhancement pilot project for public  
21 school children as created by 2017 Wyoming Session Laws,  
22 Chapter 137. The department shall also endeavor to provide  
23 funding to as many school districts as possible.

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2 (b) Each school district may apply to the department  
3 of education for financial assistance under this section on  
4 or before June 15 of each year. Application shall be on a  
5 form and in a manner prescribed by the department. At a  
6 minimum, the application shall include a description of the  
7 district's goals for increasing the quantity of Wyoming  
8 poultry, lamb, pork, beef or bison used in school lunches.

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10 **Section 2.** Up to twenty-five thousand dollars  
11 (\$25,000.00) from any appropriation to the department of  
12 education in 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80, Section  
13 2, Section 206 as amended is authorized to be expended as  
14 necessary to implement this section. It is the intent of  
15 the legislature that funding to the department of education  
16 sufficient to continue the school protein enhancement  
17 project created in section 1 of this act be included in the  
18 department of education's standard budget for the  
19 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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21 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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