

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0060

Fiscal training and enforcement of financial reporting laws.

Sponsored by: Management Audit Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to minimum fiscal procedures training for  
2 public officers; providing for the enforcement of financial  
3 reporting requirements through the withholding of state  
4 grants and loans; specifying duties of the state auditor;  
5 requiring rulemaking; specifying applicability; and  
6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-507(g), (j)(i) and by creating a  
11 new paragraph (iii) and 9-1-510(a) are amended to read:

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13 **9-1-507. Examination of books of state institutions,**  
14 **agencies and certain districts and entities; independent**  
15 **audit authorized; guidelines.**

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2 (g) No state agency or board shall require of any  
3 recipient of grants or funds, as a condition of receiving  
4 the grant or funds, any audit procedures to be performed  
5 which exceed the requirements in subsection (c) of this  
6 section unless the state agency or board provides funding  
7 for the additional audit requirements through a specific  
8 amount in the grant of funds, or unless the requirements  
9 are specifically authorized by statute. All state agencies  
10 and boards shall verify that all applicants and recipients  
11 of state grants or loans are in compliance with the  
12 applicable reporting requirement under paragraph (a)(vii)  
13 of this section as a condition of receiving the grant or  
14 loan. For purposes of this section, a state grant or loan  
15 shall not be those grants or loans which include any  
16 federal funds or monies paid in consideration for services  
17 rendered to the state agency or board.

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19 (j) The director of the department of audit shall  
20 certify:

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22 (i) To the state treasurer and state auditor by  
23 October 5 of each year, a list of counties, cities and

1 towns ~~which have that~~ failed to comply with paragraph  
2 (a)(vii) of this section. The state treasurer shall  
3 withhold the annual distribution, which would otherwise be  
4 made under W.S. 9-2-1014.1, to any county, city or town  
5 failing to comply with paragraph (a)(vii) of this section.  
6 The withheld distribution shall be retained in the budget  
7 reserve account until the director of the department of  
8 audit certifies that the county, city or town has filed the  
9 required report. The state auditor shall immediately notify  
10 all state agencies and boards of every county, city or town  
11 that failed to comply with paragraph (a)(vii) of this  
12 section. Upon receipt of notification by the state auditor  
13 pursuant to this paragraph, a state agency or board shall  
14 withhold state grant and loan payments to every  
15 noncompliant county, city or town for the period after  
16 October 15 until further notice from the state auditor that  
17 a noncompliant county, city or town has come into  
18 compliance with paragraph (a)(vii) of this section. The  
19 department of audit shall certify to the state auditor when  
20 a county, city or town comes into compliance with paragraph  
21 (a)(vii) of this section. The state auditor shall  
22 immediately notify all state agencies and boards of every  
23 county, city or town that has come into compliance with

1 paragraph (a)(vii) of this section. Any withheld state  
2 grant or loan payments shall be retained by the state  
3 agency or board in the account from which the disbursement  
4 would be made until the state agency or board receives  
5 notification from the state auditor that the county, city  
6 or town is in compliance with paragraph (a)(vii) of this  
7 section, or as otherwise provided by law;

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9 (iii) To the state auditor by October 5 of each  
10 year, a list of special districts and other entities  
11 described in W.S. 16-4-125(c) or specified in W.S.  
12 16-12-202(a), no matter how formed, that failed to comply  
13 with paragraph (a)(vii) of this section. The state auditor  
14 shall immediately notify all state agencies and boards of  
15 every special district or other entity described in W.S.  
16 16-4-125(c) or specified in W.S. 16-12-202(a) that failed  
17 to comply with paragraph (a)(vii) of this section. Upon  
18 receipt of notification by the state auditor pursuant to  
19 this paragraph, a state agency or board shall withhold  
20 state grant and loan payments to every noncompliant special  
21 district or other entity described in W.S. 16-4-125(c) or  
22 specified in W.S. 16-12-202(a) for the period after October  
23 15 until further notice from the state auditor that a

1 noncompliant district or entity has come into compliance  
2 with paragraph (a)(vii) of this section. The department of  
3 audit shall certify to the state auditor when a special  
4 district or other entity comes into compliance with  
5 paragraph (a)(vii) of this section. The state auditor shall  
6 immediately notify all state agencies and boards of any  
7 special district or other entity that has come into  
8 compliance with paragraph (a)(vii) of this section. Any  
9 withheld state grant or loan payment shall be retained by  
10 the state agency or board in the account from which the  
11 disbursement would be made until the state agency or board  
12 receives notification from the state auditor that the  
13 special district or other entity has complied with  
14 paragraph (a)(vii) of this section, or as otherwise  
15 provided by law.

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17 **9-1-510. Instructions to public officers; failure of**  
18 **public officer to obey.**

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20 (a) The director of the state department of audit  
21 shall establish minimum training requirements for public  
22 officers. The department of audit shall promulgate rules to  
23 effectuate this paragraph. The director shall instruct

1 public officers in the proper handling of the accounts of  
2 their offices in accordance with the minimum training  
3 requirements established by the director and provide  
4 comprehensive written materials. In lieu of directly  
5 instructing public officers, the director may develop and  
6 maintain a list of approved courses that comply with the  
7 minimum training requirements. All public officers shall  
8 receive instruction in accordance with the minimum training  
9 requirements established by the director within one (1)  
10 year of assuming office or assuming responsibility for  
11 handling the accounts of their office. The director may  
12 waive or modify the requirement for public officers to  
13 receive instruction within one (1) year of assuming office  
14 or responsibility for handling the accounts of their office  
15 if no approved courses exist in either a virtual format or  
16 within the state, or if available courses are cost  
17 prohibitive. A public officer shall handle the accounts of  
18 his office strictly in conformance with the instructions of  
19 the director or any approved course and in the manner  
20 required by law. If any public officer willfully neglects  
21 or refuses to handle his accounts in the manner required or  
22 fails to comply with the minimum training requirements  
23 established by the director within one (1) year of assuming

1 office, the director may request ~~those in authority to the~~  
2 governing body with oversight over the public officer or  
3 other appropriate authority to remove the public officer or  
4 provide increased oversight. For purposes of this section,  
5 a "public officer" shall be defined as:

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7 (i) The person or persons directly responsible  
8 for handling the accounts of their public office; and

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10 (ii) For entities managed by a governing body,  
11 members of the governing body with oversight over the  
12 person or persons directly responsible for handling the  
13 accounts of their public office.

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15 **Section 2.** All public officers who hold their  
16 position as of July 1, 2023 shall receive the training  
17 required by this act on or before July 1, 2024.

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1           **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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