

SENATE FILE NO. SF0051

School finance-regional cost adjustment.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the Wyoming
2 cost-of-living index as used in the regional cost
3 adjustment within the education resource block grant model
4 as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(C) is amended to
9 read:

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11 **21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in**
12 **foundation program for each district.**

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14 (m) In determining the amount to be included in the
15 foundation program for each district, the state
16 superintendent shall:

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2 (v) Based upon ADM computations and identified
3 school configurations within each district pursuant to
4 paragraph (iv) of this subsection, compute the foundation
5 program amount for each district as prescribed by the
6 education resource block grant model adopted by the Wyoming
7 legislature as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as
8 contained within the spreadsheets and accompanying reports
9 referenced under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii). The following
10 criteria shall be used by the state superintendent in the
11 administration of the education resource block grant model:

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13 (C) Salaries for all school and district
14 level staffing categories, including teachers, principals
15 and assistant principals, central office administrators,
16 secretarial and clerical staff, operations and maintenance
17 staff and aides and media technicians, shall be based upon
18 average statewide salary levels calibrated under
19 "Attachment A" for each staffing category, adjusted under
20 subsection (o) of this section, including the experience,
21 education and responsibility level as appropriate and as
22 computed for each staffing category. The statewide average
23 for each staffing category shall be adjusted for each

1 district based upon the district experience, education and
2 responsibility level relative to the statewide average for
3 that category. District experience, education and
4 responsibility level by appropriate staffing category shall
5 be updated each year such that district adjustments reflect
6 the prior school year staffing information. The district
7 adjusted average salary for each staffing category shall be
8 further adjusted for regional cost differences as measured
9 by the greater of the hedonic wage index or the Wyoming
10 cost-of-living index computed by the division of economic
11 analysis, department of administration and information,
12 with a minimum of one hundred (100) index value, as
13 prescribed by the education resource block grant model. For
14 purposes of the education resource block grant model, the
15 version of the Wyoming cost-of-living index used by the
16 division shall be based upon the unrecalibrated housing
17 cost index weights unless otherwise determined by the
18 legislature based upon recommendation of the joint
19 education interim committee. In addition, the version of
20 the Wyoming cost-of-living index applied under this
21 subparagraph for any school year shall be the greater of
22 the average of the six (6) consecutive semi-annual index
23 reports completed by January 1 of the immediately preceding

1 school year or the semi-annual index report completed by
2 January 1 of the immediately preceding school year;

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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