STATE OF WYOMING

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0102

School safety and security amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Bear, Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Berger, Burkhart, Clouston, Haroldson, Heiner, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Neiman, Olsen, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Strock, Trujillo, Ward and Winter and Senator(s) Brennan, Laursen, D and Steinmetz

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for

1 AN ACT relating to education; requiring board of trustees to submit a written statement explaining the reasons the 2 board did not adopt rules to allow possession of firearms 3 by school district employees as specified; authorizing 4 5 funds to be expended for a statewide marketing campaign to promote the school districts' authority to allow possession б 7 of firearms by school district employees as provided by 8 law; providing an appropriation; providing for 9 severability; and providing for an effective date. 10

11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming: 12

13 Section 1. W.S. 21-3-132(a) is amended to read:

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| 21-3-132. | Possession | of | firearms | on | school | property. |
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4 (a) The board of trustees in each school district may adopt rules and regulations, in consultation with local law 5 enforcement, to allow the possession of firearms б by employees possessing a valid concealed carry permit under 7 8 W.S. 6-8-104 on or in any property or facility owned or 9 leased by the school district. Employees of a school 10 district who hold a valid concealed carry permit issued 11 under W.S. 6-8-104 may carry a concealed firearm on or into 12 school facilities or other areas designated by the board of 13 trustees, provided the employing school district has adopted rules and regulations that allow possession of 14 15 firearms on school property and the employee has received 16 approval by the board of trustees as required by this 17 section. Each board of trustees of each school district 18 shall submit a statement in writing to the department of 19 education explaining the reasons the board did not adopt 20 rules allowing the possession of firearms by employees as 21 authorized under this subsection.

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1 Section 2. There is appropriated one hundred thousand 2 dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the 3 department of education for purposes of implementing a 4 statewide marketing campaign to promote school districts' authority to allow possession of firearms 5 by school district employees under W.S. 21-3-132. This appropriation 6 shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending 7 8 June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred 9 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, 10 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June 11 30, 2026 shall revert as provided by law. It is the intent 12 of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the department of education's standard budget for the 13 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. 14

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16 Section 3. If any provision of this act or the 17 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held 18 invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions 19 or applications of this act which can be given effect 20 without the invalid provision or application and to this 21 end the provisions of this act are severable.

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| 1 | Section 4. | This act is effective July 1, 2024. |
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