SENATE
WYOMING STATE LEGISLATURE

Message No. 402

CONCURRENCE REQUESTED

Mr. Speaker: February 27, 2025

H.B. No. 0018 Career technical education funding.

The House Bill listed above passed on third reading in an amended form as follows by the vote indicated.

HB0018SS001/ADOPTED

Page 5-line 17 After "**Section 4.**" insert "(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section,".

Page 6-after line 8 Insert:

"(b) If 2025 House Bill 0235 is enacted into law, the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00), up to three hundred fifty thousand dollars ($350,000.00), appropriated in 2025 House Bill 0235 to the department of education-school finance for career and technical education supplies, equipment and replacement payments to school districts.".

HB0018SW001/ADOPTED

Delete the Senate standing committee amendment (HB0018SS001/AE) entirely and further amend follows:

Page 1-line 5 Delete "an effective date" and insert "effective dates".

Page 6-line 10 Delete entirely and insert:

"**Section 5.**

(a) This act shall be effective only if 2025 House Bill 0235 is not enacted into law.

(b) If 2025 House Bill 0235 is not enacted into law, this act is effective July 1, 2025.".

HB0018SW002/ADOPTED
Delete the Senate standing committee amendment (HB0018SS001/A) and the Schuler committee of the whole amendment (HB0018SW001/A) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 4 After "appropriation;" insert "repealing an obsolete provision;".

Page 1-lines 9 through 14 Delete entirely.

Pages 2 through 5 Delete entirely.

Page 6-lines 1 through 10 Delete entirely and insert:

"Section 1. W.S. 21-13-338 is created to read:

21-13-338. Career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment; criteria; limitations.

(a) Commencing with school year 2025-2026, to augment amounts within the education resource block grant model available to districts for career and technical education programs, the department of education shall distribute career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment funding in accordance with this section.

(b) Each school district shall report the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) career and technical education teachers within a school from the prior school year, as computed in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the department, who are providing career and technical education instruction in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and except as provided under W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxvii), certified by the Wyoming professional teaching standards board to provide instruction at the high school level for career and technical education courses comprising career and technical education programs. Nothing in this subsection shall require a district to employ teachers certified for high school career and technical education instruction on a full-time basis or to require teachers to teach only high school career and technical education courses on a full-time basis.

(c) Amounts distributed to each school district for career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment funding under this section shall be calculated as follows:

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (ii) of this subsection, the product of each school's FTE career and technical education teachers reported under subsection (b) of this section multiplied by fourteen thousand one hundred eighty-four dollars and sixty-eight cents ($14,184.68);

(ii) If a school's FTE career and technical education teachers reported in subsection (b) of this section is less than two (2), the amount of funding for the school's career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment funding shall be equal to twenty-eight thousand three hundred sixty-nine dollars and thirty-six cents ($28,369.36);

(iii) The department shall further adjust the amounts for career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment funding in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this subsection by any external cost adjustment enacted by the legislature for the educational materials category of the educational resource block grant model.

(d) Not later than October 15 of the applicable school year and following review of reports submitted under this section, the department shall notify districts of distributions. The department shall pay each school district not later than February 15 of the applicable school year.

(e) Each district shall report to the department on the expenditure of amounts distributed under this section and shall provide other information as required by rule of the department. Amounts distributed under this section shall only be expended on supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs.

(f) The department of education shall promulgate rules necessary to carry out this section.

(g) As used in this section, "career and technical education program" shall be as specified in W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D)(II).

Section 2. W.S. 21-12-105(b), 21-13-101(a)(v) and (xvii) and 21-13-337(a) and (c) are amended to read:

21-12-105. Career and technical education demonstration project grants; application; criteria; limitations.

(b) Any amount awarded to a district under this section shall be in addition to and not be considered in determining the school foundation program amount under the education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309 and the amount for career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment pursuant to W.S. 21-13-338. A grant awarded under this section shall be for a period of two (2) years and shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000.00) for the first year of demonstration project planning, and not more than two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.00) for project implementation in year two (2) of the project grant. Thereafter, state assistance for the project shall be limited to funds distributed to the district within its foundation program amount as determined under the education resource block grant model and the amount distributed under W.S. 21-13-338. Any school district receiving funds under W.S. 21-13-337 for career and technical supplies, materials and equipment shall be ineligible to receive a grant under this section for the period the district receives funds under W.S. 21-13-337.

21-13-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(v) "Foundation program" means the level of funding which is to be made available to each district under this ~~article~~ title so that each district is able to comply with the state uniform educational program standards imposed under W.S. 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and the uniform state student content and performance standards prescribed by the state board of education under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii);

(xvii) "Attachment A" to ~~2011 House Bill 0127 as amended by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99~~ 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185, as further amended by the legislature, consists of an enumeration of model components as enacted into law, summarizing and executing recommendations contained within the 2010 cost of education study, as modified by the legislature, and is hereby incorporated into this chapter by this reference;

21-13-337. Career and technical education equipment grants; application; criteria; limitations.

(a) A school district may apply to the state department of education for state assistance to fund the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for a new or existing career and

technical education program in the district. Amounts awarded under this section shall be in addition to and shall not be considered in determining the school foundation program amount under the education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309 and shall be in addition to the amount for career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment pursuant to W.S. 21-13-338. Any school district receiving funds under W.S. 21-12-105 for a career and technical education demonstration project grant shall be ineligible to receive funds under this section for the period the district receives funds under W.S. 21-12-105.

(c) Not later than August 15 of the applicable school year and following review of applications submitted under this section, the department shall notify applicant districts of its grant awards and shall provide each applicant district a written statement of the reasons for approving or denying the application. No award shall be given to a district unless it has expended, or will expend with the award of the grant requested under this section, the entire amount generated under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D) prior to school year 2025-2026 for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs and commencing school year 2025-2026, the entire amount generated under W.S. 21-13-338 for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs utilizing expenditure data from the immediately preceding five (5) school years from the date of application and amounts from the special reserve fund created under W.S. 21-13-504 for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs. ~~Further~~ Preference shall be given to districts that have not received a grant under this section in the immediately preceding five (5) school years from the date of application. If an application is approved, the department shall award the grant from amounts made available by legislative appropriation from the public school foundation program account for purposes of this section.

Section 3. 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185, ATTACHMENT "A"(b)(xxv), as amended by 2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 205, Section 3, is amended to read:

ATTACHMENT "A"

ATTACHMENT "A" CONTAINS AN ENUMERATION OF EDUCATION RESOURCE BLOCK GRANT MODEL COMPONENTS SUMMARIZING AND EXECUTING RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2010 COST OF EDUCATION STUDY AS FOLLOWS:

(b) Notwithstanding components specified in the 2010 cost of education study accepted by the legislature, the Wyoming education resource block grant model components and the resourcing for those components, as enacted by the legislature, shall be as follows:

(xxv) ~~Vocational~~ Career and technical education: 0.29 times FTE ~~vocational~~ career and technical education ADM.~~;~~

~~$9,428.77/FTE vocational education teacher for equipment and supplies.~~

Section 4. W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D)(III) is repealed.

Section 5. 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185, ATTACHMENT "A"(a)(iii)(D), as amended by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3, is repealed.

Section 6. There is appropriated four million nine hundred ninety thousand six hundred thirty-one dollars ($4,990,631.00) from the public school foundation program account to the department of education-school finance for career and technical education supplies, equipment and replacement payments to school districts made necessary by the amendments enacted in this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the standard budget for the department of education-school finance for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Section 7. This act is effective July 1, 2025.".

Ayes 29 Noes 0 Excused 2 Absent 0 Conflict 0

The Senate respectfully asks the House to concur by adopting the listed amendments.

Sincerely,

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Senate Chief Clerk

Bill Jacket Attached