SENATE
WYOMING STATE LEGISLATURE

Message No. 420

CONCURRENCE REQUESTED

Mr. Speaker: February 28, 2025

H.B. No. 0316 School finance-model recalibration-2.

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

HB0316SS001/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 2-line 23 Delete "Further, the select committee shall study".

Page 3-lines 1 and 2 Delete entirely.

Page 3-line 3 Delete "is both equitable and predictable.".

HB0316S2001/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 1-line 4 After "consultants;" insert "providing funding for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model;".

Page 5-after line 2 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"**Section 3.**

(a) There is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education-school finance thirty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars ($38,500,000.00) for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model in accordance with this section. If 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 is enacted into law, the appropriation in this subsection shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated to the department of education-school finance for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001.

(b) In accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(o), the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section provides funding for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model, effective beginning with school year 2025-2026, computed as follows:

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (v) of this subsection, four and seven hundred sixty-one thousandths percent (4.761%) for the "professional labor" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(vi)];

(ii) Five and forty-one hundredths percent (5.41%) for the "nonprofessional labor" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(v)];

(iii) One and sixty-seven thousandths percent (1.067%) for the "educational materials" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(iii)];

(iv) Negative six and two hundred eighty-five thousandths percent (-6.285%) for the "energy" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(iv)];

(v) Six and seventy-eight hundredths percent (6.78%) to the teacher salaries component as defined by 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185, [Attachment "A"(b)(xxxvii)]. For purposes of this paragraph and in accordance with 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185, [Attachment "A"(b)(xxxvii)], "teachers" include core and specialist teachers, instructional facilitators, tutors, ELL teachers, extended day teachers, summer school teachers, pupil support staff, secondary school guidance counselors and librarians.

(c) The appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. The appropriation in subsection (a) of this section 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 the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section be doubled and be included in the department of education-school finance's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.".

Page 5-line 4 Delete "**Section 3.**" and insert "**Section 4**."

HB0316S3001/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)
Delete the Nethercott second reading amendment (HB0316S2001/AE) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 4 After "consultants;" insert "providing funding for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model; providing funding for school district entitlement payments and special education payments;".

Page 5-after line 2 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"**Section 3.**

(a) There is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education-school finance fifty-two million three hundred thousand dollars ($52,300,000.00) for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model in accordance with this section. If 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 is enacted into law, the appropriation in this subsection shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated to the department of education-school finance for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001.

(b) In accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(o), the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section provides funding for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model, effective beginning with school year 2025-2026, computed as follows:

(i) Eight and one-half percent (8.5%) for the "professional labor" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(vi)];

(ii) Eight and one-half percent (8.5%) for the "nonprofessional labor" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(v)];

(iii) One and sixty-seven thousandths percent (1.067%) for the "educational materials" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(iii)];

(iv) Negative six and two hundred eighty-five thousandths percent (-6.285%) for the "energy" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(iv)].

(c) The appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. The appropriation in subsection (a) of this section 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 the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section be doubled and be included in the department of education-school finance's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Section 4.

(a) There is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education-school finance sixty-nine million two hundred thousand dollars ($69,200,000.00) for Wyoming school district entitlement payments made in accordance with W.S. 21-13-313(c) and special education reimbursement payments made in accordance with W.S. 21-13-321(b). This appropriation shall be allocated by the department of education-school finance for school district entitlement payments, unit 4101, and special education payments, unit 4102, consistent with the requests from the state superintendent of public instruction made to the joint appropriations committee in letters dated December 6, 2024 and January 16, 2025.

(b) If 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 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) appropriated to the department of education-school finance for district entitlement payments and special education payments in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001.

(c) The appropriation in this section 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 the appropriation in this section be doubled and included in the standard budget of the department of education-school finance for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Section 5.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, there is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education-school finance eighty-four million four hundred thousand dollars ($84,400,000.00) for Wyoming school district entitlement payments made in accordance with W.S. 21-13-313(c). 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.

(b) This section shall only be effective if 2025 Senate File 0069, 2025 Senate File 0153 or 2025 House Bill 0169 is enacted into law.".

Page 5-line 4 Delete "**Section 3.**" and insert "**Section 6.**".

To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and renumber as necessary.

Ayes 29 Noes 2 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflict 0

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

Sincerely,

Ellen Thompson
Senate Chief Clerk

Bill Jacket Attached