

[BUDGET(s) AFFECTED]

Section Under Consideration:

**Section 206. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Other Budget(s) Affected:

**Section 330. [ADDITIONS TO 300 SECTIONS]**

\* \* \* \* \*

1 Page 83-line 5 After "5." insert ", 7."

2

3 Page 85-after line 12 Insert:

4

5 "7. As a condition of the appropriation to this agency, the  
6 department of education shall assist the joint education interim  
7 committee in the study of early childhood education and the  
8 establishment of a half-day prekindergarten program available to  
9 all children statewide. Not later than August 1, 2024, the  
10 department shall report to the joint education interim committee  
11 on existing programs and the funds appropriated by the state for  
12 the delivery or support of early childhood education. The report  
13 shall identify programs that address the delivery of  
14 prekindergarten and shall contain recommendations to establish a  
15 prekindergarten program statewide, including any recommended  
16 legislation to authorize the program."

17

18 Page 159-after line 11 Insert the following new section and  
19 renumber as necessary:

20

21 "[PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACCOUNT AND STUDY]

22

23 **Section 330.**

24

25 (a) The state auditor shall transfer two hundred fifty  
26 million dollars (\$250,000,000.00) from the general fund to a  
27 prekindergarten education account, which shall be created by the  
28 state auditor in accordance with W.S. 9-4-214(a), 9-4-217(d) and  
29 this subsection. All funds within the account shall be invested by  
30 the state treasurer pursuant to law and all investment earnings  
31 from the account shall be deposited to the account. Funds in the  
32 account shall be expended only upon further legislative action and

1 only for the purpose of establishing a statewide prekindergarten  
2 program available to every child in Wyoming.

3  
4 (b) The joint education interim committee shall study early  
5 childhood education during the 2024 interim, to include  
6 identification of existing programs and funds appropriated by the  
7 state for delivery or support of early childhood education. The  
8 joint education interim committee may sponsor any legislation  
9 necessary to implement delivery of a half-day prekindergarten  
10 program available to every child in Wyoming.".

11  
12 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and  
13 renumber as necessary. ROTHFUSS, GIERAU