

Bill No.: HB0166 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**
LSO No.: 24LSO-0477
Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0053
Chapter No.: 108
Prime Sponsor: Clouston
Catch Title: **Education savings accounts-1.**
Has Report: Yes
Subject: Creation of K-12 education savings accounts.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates education savings accounts for students to attend prekindergarten, K-12 private schools, and to pay educational expenses. A student with a household income that is at or below one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty level may receive six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year.
- The program will be administered by the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) and requires parents or guardians to execute an agreement with the State. The act establishes requirements for education service providers to participate in the program.
- The act includes an initial appropriation of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) from the general fund to be distributed to students. In addition, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) was appropriated to the WDE for contractual services and four hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$480,000.00) for the salaries and benefits of two (2) WDE full-time employees.

Comments:

- Creates a major program: Wyoming Education Savings Accounts Act.
- Requires the WDE to report regularly to the Joint Education Interim Committee on the expenditure of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) appropriated for contractual services.

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