

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0291

Driver's education.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Berger, Harshman and Walsh

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public school driver's education
 2 programs; providing reimbursement to school districts for
 3 program costs relating to alcohol-impaired driving
 4 education; requiring the department of transportation to
 5 establish program guidelines and reimbursement procedures;
 6 providing for audits by the department of audit; directing
 7 the segregation of certain federal grant funds; and
 8 providing for an effective date.

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10 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-501 is created to read:

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14 ARTICLE 5

15 DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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17 **21-3-501. Driver's education programs.**

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2 (a) Any school district providing instruction in
3 grades nine (9) through twelve (12) for driver's education
4 shall upon application to the department of transportation
5 through the department of education in accordance with
6 subsection (b) of this section, be reimbursed an amount
7 equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount actually
8 expended by the district during the immediately preceding
9 school year for driver's education programs relating to
10 alcohol-impaired driving. Reimbursement under this section
11 shall be paid by the department of transportation to the
12 qualifying district on or before October 15 of any school
13 year.

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15 (b) Application under subsection (a) of this section
16 shall be in a manner and form prescribed by department of
17 transportation rule and regulation, shall include driver's
18 education program expenditures for the applicable reporting
19 period and shall be submitted to the department of
20 education not later than September 1 of the appropriate
21 school year. Expenditures qualifying for reimbursement
22 under this section shall be subject to guidelines and
23 standards established by department of transportation rule
24 and regulation.

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2 (c) The school finance section of the department of
3 audit established under W.S. 9-1-513 shall conduct periodic
4 audits of the information submitted within applications
5 filed under this section and shall include the resulting
6 audit findings within the department's annual report to the
7 legislature required by W.S. 9-1-513(b) (viii).

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9 **Section 2.** To the extent permitted by federal law,
10 monies received by the department of transportation under
11 the federal alcohol-impaired driving countermeasures
12 incentive grants as authorized by 23 U.S.C. 410, shall be
13 expended by the department of transportation as necessary
14 to make reimbursement payments to school districts pursuant
15 to this act. To the extent amounts appropriated under this
16 section are not sufficient to reimburse districts the
17 amounts authorized under W.S. 21-3-501 as created under
18 section 1 of this act, the department of transportation
19 shall determine a uniform percentage by which
20 reimbursements to districts are reduced so that available
21 revenues for school year 2003-2004 are as nearly as
22 possible equal to the amount authorized under W.S.
23 21-3-501.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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