

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; requiring the department of education to
 4 establish program guidelines and reimbursement procedures;
 5 providing for audits by the department of audit; providing
 6 an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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ARTICLE 5

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DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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15 **21-3-501. Driver's education programs.**

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1 (a) Any school district providing instruction in
2 grades nine (9) through twelve (12) for driver's education
3 shall upon application to the department of education in
4 accordance with subsection (b) of this section, be
5 reimbursed an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the
6 amount actually expended by the district during the
7 immediately preceding school year for driver's education
8 programs. Reimbursement under this section shall be paid
9 by the department to the qualifying district on or before
10 October 15 of any school year.

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

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22 (c) The school finance section of the department of
23 audit established under W.S. 9-1-513 shall conduct periodic
24 audits of the information submitted within applications

1 filed under this section and shall include the resulting
2 audit findings within the department's annual report to the
3 legislature required by W.S. 9-1-513(b) (viii).

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5 **Section 2.** Six hundred fifty thousand dollars
6 (\$650,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
7 state department of education to implement this act during
8 school year 2003-2004. To the extent amounts appropriated
9 under this section are not sufficient to reimburse
10 districts the amounts authorized under W.S. 21-3-501 as
11 created under section 1 of this act, the department shall
12 determine a uniform percentage by which reimbursements to
13 districts are reduced so that available revenues for school
14 year 2003-2004 are as nearly as possible equal to the
15 amount authorized under W.S. 21-3-501.

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

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