

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0294

Punitive damage awards-distribution.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Tipton

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to civil actions; requiring seventy percent
2 (70%) of any punitive damages awarded to be paid to the
3 public school fund; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-1-129 is created to read:

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9 **1-1-129. Punitive damages in civil actions.**

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11 (a) Punitive damages awarded by any court or jury in
12 any civil lawsuit shall be considered a deterrent to future
13 similar conduct by a defendant and are not compensation for
14 damages suffered by a plaintiff.

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16 (b) On or after July 1, 2003 and for the reason
17 specified in subsection (a) of this section, seventy

1 percent (70%) of any punitive damages imposed by a court or
2 jury shall be treated as all other fines, penalties and
3 forfeitures under the general laws of Wyoming and deposited
4 with the proper county treasurer for support of the public
5 schools within the county.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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