

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0005

Education-required school bus video equipment-2.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school buses; requiring school buses
2 transporting students to and from school and school
3 activities to be equipped with specified video systems
4 effective school year 2015-2016; reimbursing districts for
5 associated costs; imposing duties; providing an
6 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. 21-3-131(b) by creating a new
11 paragraph (x) is amended to read:

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13 **21-3-131. School bus standards; operators; vehicle**
14 **operation; liability limited.**

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1 (b) Each district shall establish and maintain
2 minimum standards for the operation of school buses,
3 including:

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5 (x) Effective school year 2015-2016, and each
6 school year thereafter, all school buses transporting
7 students to and from school and to and from student
8 activities, as defined under W.S. 21-13-320(b)(i) and (ii),
9 shall be equipped with both internal and external video
10 systems meeting equipment specifications prescribed by rule
11 and regulation of the department.

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13 **Section 2.**

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15 (a) Up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is
16 appropriated from the public school foundation program
17 account to the department of education to reimburse school
18 districts for one hundred percent (100%) of the costs of
19 equipping school buses with internal and external video
20 systems as required under W.S. 21-3-131(b), as amended by
21 section 1 of this act. This subsection shall apply only to
22 those school buses purchased before July 1, 2015, and used
23 within the district for transporting students to and from
24 school and to and from student activities pursuant to W.S.

1 21-13-320(b)(i) and (ii). School districts shall apply to
2 the department, on a form, in a manner and within time
3 specifications prescribed by department rule and
4 regulation, for reimbursement of equipment costs under this
5 subsection. Any district which has received payment from
6 the public school foundation program account under W.S.
7 21-13-320 for the costs of installation of video system
8 equipment on school buses purchased prior to July 1, 2015,
9 shall not be eligible for claiming reimbursement under this
10 subsection for the costs of that equipment, nor shall any
11 district receiving reimbursement for equipment costs under
12 this subsection be eligible for payment under W.S.
13 21-13-320 for the installation of that equipment.

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15 (b) Costs associated with the installation of video
16 system equipment within school buses purchased on and after
17 July 1, 2015, which are used to transport students to and
18 from school and to and from student activities, shall be
19 reimbursed in accordance with other district covered
20 transportation costs specified under W.S. 21-13-320.

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22 (c) The department of education shall promulgate
23 rules and regulations necessary to carry out this act
24 within sufficient time to enable school districts to

1 operate school buses equipped in accordance with this act
2 by school year 2015-2016.

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4 (d) Any unexpended balance of the appropriation under
5 subsection (a) of this section remaining on July 1, 2016,
6 shall revert to the public school foundation program
7 account.

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9 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
10 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
11 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
12 Constitution.

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