

[TO SUBSTITUTE BILL No. 1]

1 Page 1-line 6 After "specified;" insert "amending the K-3
 2 reading assessment and intervention program
 3 and establishing a related teacher stipend;
 4 requiring rulemaking; providing an
 5 appropriation;"

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 7 Page 47-line 4 After "21-2-204(b)(intro)," insert "21-3-
 8 401(a) and by creating new subsections (e) and
 9 (f),"

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 11 Page 49-after line 2 Insert:

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 13 **"21-3-401. Reading assessment and intervention; stipends.**

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 15 (a) Each school district shall select and implement a reading
 16 assessment and intervention program that uses an instrument that
 17 screens for signs of dyslexia and other reading difficulties as
 18 early as possible in kindergarten through grade three (3) and that
 19 implements with fidelity an evidence based intervention program.
 20 The program shall include instruments that monitor and measure
 21 reading progress and assess student reading skills and progress to
 22 provide data that informs any intervention. The assessment and
 23 intervention program shall be administered to all students in
 24 kindergarten through grade three (3). The assessments in the
 25 program shall be assessments approved by the department of
 26 education in accordance with subsection (e) of this section. The
 27 program shall also include implementation of evidence based core
 28 curricula aligned to the uniform content and performance standards
 29 and evidenced based interventions to meet the needs of all
 30 students. The program shall be multi-tiered and shall include
 31 evidence based interventions to facilitate remediation of any
 32 reading difficulty as early as possible.

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 34 (e) The department of education shall approve three (3)
 35 appropriate assessment options that school districts may use to
 36 implement the assessment portion of the assessment and
 37 intervention programs required by this section.

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 39 (f) Subject to the availability of funds, the department shall
 40 by rule establish a stipend program to provide annual stipends of
 41 one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to public school
 42 teachers who have received a certification or supplemental

1 training in educating kindergarten through grade three (3)
2 students in reading. The department shall determine which
3 certifications and trainings qualify under this subsection, but no
4 teacher who receives a stipend under W.S. 21-7-501(f) shall be
5 eligible to receive a stipend under this subsection. The department
6 shall only include certifications and trainings that have been
7 shown to improve teacher performance in delivering reading
8 education to kindergarten through grade three (3) students.
9 Stipends shall be made through each school district and the
10 department shall reimburse each school district for lawfully paid
11 stipends. In the event legislative appropriations are insufficient
12 to provide stipends to all teachers who qualify, stipends shall be
13 provided on a pro rata basis. The department shall establish an
14 appropriate annual deadline for teachers to apply for the
15 stipend."

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17 Page 65-after line 9 Insert and renumber as necessary:

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19 **"Section 6.** There is appropriated five hundred thousand
20 dollars (\$500,000.00) from the school foundation program account
21 to the department of education for purposes of paying teacher
22 stipends as provided by W.S. 21-3-401(f), as created by this act.
23 This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
24 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2022. This
25 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other
26 purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
27 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022."

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