

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0052

Wyoming school protein enhancement project.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school nutrition; codifying a project
2 that provides grants for school districts to increase the
3 availability of Wyoming meat products in school nutrition
4 programs; requiring matching funds; requiring rulemaking;
5 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
6 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. 21-10-108 is created to read:

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12 **21-10-108. The school protein enhancement project.**

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14 (a) The school protein enhancement project is
15 created. Under the project and for the 2021-2022 school

1 year and thereafter, the department of education may
2 provide financial assistance to school districts to
3 increase the quantity of Wyoming poultry, lamb, pork, beef
4 and bison used in school meals. Financial assistance shall
5 be provided only to pay for processing costs for Wyoming
6 poultry, lamb, pork, beef or bison donated to a school
7 district. The project shall meet program requirements and
8 criteria established by rule and regulation of the
9 department. The department shall, contingent upon available
10 funding, provide a match of at least one dollar (\$1.00) for
11 every one dollar (\$1.00) contributed by school districts to
12 pay for Wyoming poultry, lamb, pork, beef or bison
13 processing costs. The department shall, to the extent
14 possible, maintain the structure and requirements of the
15 school protein enhancement pilot project for public school
16 children as created by 2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter
17 137. The department shall also endeavor to provide funding
18 to as many school districts as possible.

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20 (b) Each school district may apply to the department
21 of education for financial assistance under this section on
22 or before June 15 of each year. Application shall be on a
23 form and in a manner prescribed by the department. At a

1 minimum, the application shall include a description of the
2 district's goals for increasing the quantity of Wyoming
3 poultry, lamb, pork, beef or bison used in school lunches.

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5 **Section 2.** Up to twenty-five thousand dollars
6 (\$25,000.00) from any appropriation to the department of
7 education in 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80, Section
8 2, Section 206 as amended is authorized to be expended as
9 necessary to implement this section. It is the intent of
10 the legislature that funding to the department of education
11 sufficient to continue the school protein enhancement
12 project created in section 1 of this act be included in the
13 department of education's standard budget for the
14 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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16 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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