

[BUDGET(S) AFFECTED]

Section Under Consideration:

Section 205. EDUCATION-SCHOOL FINANCE

(School Foundation Program)

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1 Page 78-line 18 After "1." insert ", 2."; under GENERAL FUND
2 increase amount by "600,000".
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4 Page 79-after line 21 Insert:
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6 "2. (a) Of this general fund appropriation, six hundred thousand
7 dollars (\$600,000.00) is appropriated for the state superintendent
8 of public instruction to establish the Hope scholarship program.
9 Expenditure of this appropriation is conditioned upon a match of
10 funds in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated funds to
11 not less than one dollar (\$1.00) of private sector matching funds
12 paid to the nonpublic school in which the student enrolls under
13 this program.
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15 (b) The Hope scholarship program shall:

16 (i) Be administered by the state superintendent of
17 public instruction through the department of education;
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20 (ii) Operate for school years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024
21 only;
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23 (iii) Be comprised of a maximum of one hundred (100)
24 recipients, determined by a blind lottery if the number of
25 applicants exceeds the maximum of one hundred (100) students;
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27 (vi) Require the parents or guardians of the scholarship
28 recipients enter into an agreement with the state superintendent
29 to ensure funding is used exclusively for education tuition.
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31 (c) Hope scholarship recipients shall be enrolled in a
32 nonpublic school and shall receive a payment of up to three
33 thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for school year 2022-2023 and school
34 year 2023-2024, which shall be used to pay tuition costs assessed
35 by the school in which the student is enrolled, to be matched in

1 the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated funds to not less
2 than one dollar (\$1.00) private sector matching funds.

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4 (d) Any student receiving the hope scholarship shall not be
5 counted within the average daily membership (ADM) as computed for
6 the purpose of implementing W.S. 21-13-309. Home-based educational
7 programs as defined under W.S. 21-4-101(a)(v) are not eligible to
8 receive the Hope scholarship.

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10 (e) The appropriation subject to this footnote shall not be
11 transferred or expended for any other purpose. It is the intent of
12 the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the
13 education-school finance standard budget for the immediately
14 succeeding fiscal biennium."

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16 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
17 renumber as necessary. GRAY, ROMERO-MARTINEZ