HB0001H3057.02 [DIVIDED AMENDMENT] (CORRECTED COPY)

[BUDGET(s) AFFECTED]

Section Under Consideration:

Section 206. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Other Budget(s) Affected:

Section 330. [ADDITIONS TO 300 SECTIONS]

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Page 159-after line 11 Insert the following new section and renumber as necessary:

"[PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACCOUNT AND STUDY]

Section 330.

(a) The state auditor shall transfer two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000.00) from the school foundation program account to a prekindergarten education account, which shall be created by the state auditor in accordance with W.S. 9-4-214(a), 9-4-217(d) and this subsection. All funds within the account shall be invested by the state treasurer pursuant to law and all investment earnings from the account shall be deposited to the account. Funds in the account shall be expended only upon further legislative action and only for the purpose of establishing a statewide prekindergarten program available to every child in Wyoming.

(b) The joint education interim committee shall study early childhood education during the 2024 interim, to include identification of existing programs and funds appropriated by the state for delivery or support of early childhood education. The joint education interim committee may sponsor any legislation necessary to implement delivery of a half-day prekindergarten program available to every child in Wyoming.".

To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and renumber as necessary. STORER