

[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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1 Page 83-line 5 After "5." insert ", 7."

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3 Page 85-after line 12 Insert:

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5 "7. As a condition of the appropriation to this agency, the
6 department of education shall assist the joint education interim
7 committee in the study of early childhood education and the
8 establishment of a half-day prekindergarten program available to
9 all children statewide. Not later than August 1, 2024, the
10 department shall report to the joint education interim committee
11 on existing programs and the funds appropriated by the state for
12 the delivery or support of early childhood education. The report
13 shall identify programs that address the delivery of
14 prekindergarten and shall contain recommendations to establish a
15 prekindergarten program statewide, including any recommended
16 legislation to authorize the program."

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

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21 "[PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACCOUNT AND STUDY]

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Section 330.

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25 (a) The state auditor shall transfer two hundred fifty
26 million dollars (\$250,000,000.00) from the school foundation
27 program account to a prekindergarten education account, which
28 shall be created by the state auditor in accordance with W.S. 9-
29 4-214(a), 9-4-217(d) and this subsection. All funds within the
30 account shall be invested by the state treasurer pursuant to law
31 and all investment earnings from the account shall be deposited to
32 the account. Funds in the account shall be expended only upon
33 further legislative action and only for the purpose of establishing

1 a statewide prekindergarten program available to every child in
2 Wyoming.

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

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