

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0316

School finance-model recalibration-2.

Sponsored by: Management Council

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; creating the select
 2 committee on school finance recalibration; providing for a
 3 study to recalibrate the education resource block grant
 4 model; authorizing the use of consultants; requiring a
 5 report; appropriating funds; 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.**

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12 (a) There is created the select committee on school
 13 finance recalibration consisting of the following members:

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1 (i) Six (6) members of the senate appointed by
2 the president to include one (1) member from the senate
3 minority political party;

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5 (ii) Six (6) members of the house of
6 representatives appointed by the speaker to include one (1)
7 member from the house minority political party.

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9 (b) The president of the senate and the speaker of
10 the house of representatives shall each select one (1)
11 co-chairman of the select committee. The legislative
12 service office shall staff the select committee.

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14 (c) The select committee shall undertake a study to
15 recalibrate the education resource block grant model as
16 required by W.S. 21-13-309(t) to determine if modifications
17 are necessary to ensure the model remains cost-based in
18 light of changing conditions, including modifications to
19 law and potential responses to court directives. The select
20 committee shall study virtual education funding models in
21 other states and offer suggestions on a funding formula for
22 Wyoming virtual schools that is both equitable and
23 predictable. Further, the select committee shall study

1 charter school funding models in other states and offer
2 suggestions on a funding formula for charter schools that
3 is both equitable and predictable. The select committee may
4 work with professional consultant experts for model
5 recalibration. The legislative service office, subject to
6 the approval of management council, may retain professional
7 consulting experts for the purposes of this act.

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9 (d) The select committee shall report its
10 recommendations and any associated legislation to the
11 legislature. The select committee may introduce legislation
12 as provided in W.S. 28-8-104(e).

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14 (e) Appointments to the select committee shall be
15 made under this section not later than March 31, 2025. The
16 select committee shall remain in existence until February
17 9, 2026. Any vacancy occurring on the select committee
18 shall be filled without delay by the president of the
19 senate or the speaker of the house, as appropriate.

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21 (f) The department of education, other state
22 agencies, school districts and the school data advisory
23 committee established under W.S. 21-2-203(d) shall collect

1 and provide information requested by the select committee
2 or professional consultant experts working with the select
3 committee.

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5 **Section 2.** Nine hundred twenty thousand dollars
6 (\$920,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
7 legislative service office to fund the model recalibration
8 study in accordance with section 1 of this act and for the
9 purposes of providing salary, including salary for the
10 chairmen under W.S. 28-5-101(e)(i), mileage and per diem to
11 members of the select committee on school finance
12 recalibration and for other expenses of the select
13 committee authorized by law or policy of the legislature.
14 Funds appropriated under this section expended to conduct
15 the recalibration of the education resource block grant
16 model shall be in accordance with a contractual agreement
17 entered into between the management council and
18 professional consultants. This appropriation shall be for
19 the period beginning with the effective date of this act
20 and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be
21 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
22 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this

1 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
2 2026.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
7 Constitution.

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