## SENATE FILE NO. SF0162

Education-block grant model amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott, Biteman, Brennan and Olsen and Representative(s) Andrew and Schmid

## A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to school finance; restricting and amending
- 2 the expenditure of teacher resources and other funds
- 3 generated by the education resource block grant model as
- 4 specified; requiring data collection; requiring reporting;
- 5 requiring a study; and providing for an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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9 **Section 1**. W.S. 21-13-338 is created to read:

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- 11 21-13-338. Expenditure of funds generated for
- 12 teachers.

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- 14 (a) Beginning with school year 2026-2027 and for each
- 15 school year thereafter and except as provided in subsection

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- 1 (b) of this section, all funds allocated for teachers by
- 2 the education resource block grant model under Attachment
- 3 A(b)(iii) through (v), including resources generated for
- 4 salaries, health insurance and other benefits, shall be
- 5 separately accounted for by each school district and shall
- 6 be expended only for the purposes of teacher salaries and
- 7 benefits.

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- 9 (b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
- 10 charter schools operating under chapter 3, article 3 of
- 11 this title, alternative schools operating under W.S.
- 12 21-13-309(m)(v)(B), virtual education programs operating
- 13 under W.S. 21-13-330, schools with less than forty-nine
- 14 (49) students or school districts with less than two
- 15 hundred forty-three (243) students.

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- 17 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
- 18 prohibit a school district from allocating or expending
- 19 funds provided under the education resource block grant
- 20 model for teacher resources specified in subsection (a) of
- 21 this section. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
- 22 section, school districts shall not expend teacher
- 23 resources specified in subsection (a) of this section for

- 1 purposes other than those specified in subsection (a) of
- 2 this section.

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- 4 (d) The department of education shall collect data
- 5 from school districts on the amounts expended on teacher
- 6 salaries, health insurance, other benefits and the number
- 7 of teachers employed by each school district in accordance
- 8 with W.S. 21-2-203. Not later than October 1 of each year,
- 9 the department shall report to the joint education interim
- 10 committee on the data collected under this subsection.

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12 Section 2.

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- 14 (a) Not later than October 1, 2025 and again on
- 15 October 1, 2026, the department of education shall report
- 16 to the joint education interim committee and any committee
- 17 established for the recalibration of the education resource
- 18 block grant model under W.S. 21-13-309(t) on findings and
- 19 recommendations on data collected under W.S. 21-13-338(d),
- 20 as created by section 1 of this act. The report required
- 21 under this subsection shall include any recommendations for
- 22 refinement of components within the education resource

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1	block	grant	model	allocated	for	teacher	salaries,	health

2 insurance and other benefits.

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4 (b) Not later than June 30, 2026, the data advisory

committee established under W.S. 21-2-203(d) shall provide 5

recommendations to the state superintendent of public 6

instruction to clearly identify expenditures on teacher 7

8 salaries, health insurance and other benefits by school

9 districts for purposes of implementing W.S. 21-13-338, as

10 created by section 1 of this act.

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12 Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon

completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law 13

as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming 14

Constitution. 15

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17 (END)