

## 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.**

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7 (a) Eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00) is  
8 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative  
9 service office to fund the model recalibration study in  
10 accordance with section 1 of this act. Funds appropriated  
11 under this section shall be expended in accordance with a  
12 contractual agreement entered into between the management  
13 council and professional consultants to the legislature for  
14 recalibration of the education resource block grant model.  
15 This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with  
16 the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026.  
17 This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for  
18 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
19 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
20 by law on June 30, 2026.

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22 (b) One hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00)  
23 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative

1 service office for the purposes of providing salary,  
2 including salary for the chairmen under W.S.  
3 28-5-101(e)(i), mileage and per diem to members of the  
4 select committee on school finance recalibration and for  
5 other expenses of the select committee authorized by law or  
6 policy of the legislature. This appropriation shall be for  
7 the period beginning with the effective date of this act  
8 and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be  
9 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any  
10 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this  
11 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,  
12 2026.

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

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19 (END)