

- 1 Page 1-line 7 After "program;" insert "creating a new grant
2 program for the post secondary education
3 enrollment options program;".
4
- 5 Page 1-line 9 Delete entirely.
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- 7 Page 1-line 11 Delete "providing borrowing authority;".
8
- 9 Page 2-line 1 Delete ", 21-13-339 and 21-13-340" and insert
10 "and 21-13-339 through 21-13-342".
11
- 12 Page 5-line 2 Delete "twenty percent (20%)" and insert
13 "thirty-three and one-third percent (33
14 1/3%)".
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- 16 Page 8-line 2 Delete "." and insert ";".
17
- 18 Page 8-after line 2 Insert:
19
20 (IV) Notwithstanding subdivisions (I)
21 through (III) of this subparagraph, each school shall receive a
22 minimum of one (1.0) FTE.
23
- 24 (C) For any school district that includes grades
25 kindergarten through grade twelve (12), if the combined total FTE
26 calculated pursuant to paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this
27 subsection and subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph is less
28 than seventeen (17) for the school district, additional FTEs shall
29 be provided to ensure the total teacher FTE for the school district
30 is equal to seventeen (17).".
31
- 32 Page 10-line 12 Delete "Medicaid" and insert "Medicare".
33
- 34 Page 10-line 21 Delete entirely.
35
- 36 Page 10-line 22 Delete "thereafter,".
37
- 38 Page 11-lines 8 After "(D)" delete balance of line.
39
- 40 Page 11-line 9 Delete line through "thereafter,".
41
- 42 Page 11-line 13 Delete "Effective school".
43
- 44 Page 11-line 14 Delete the line through "thereafter,".

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2 Page 11-line 16 After "." delete balance of line.
3
4 Page 11-lines 17 through 21 Delete entirely.
5
6 Page 12-lines 1 through 11 Delete entirely.
7
8 Page 12-line 13 After "Nurses." delete balance of line.
9
10 Page 12-line 14 Delete line through "thereafter,".
11
12 Page 36-line 3 After "nurses:" delete balance of line.
13
14 Page 36-line 4 Delete entirely and insert "seventy-five
15 thousand eight hundred sixty-three dollars
16 (\$75,863.00);".
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18 Page 38-line 17 Delete "year" and insert "years".
19
20 Page 38-line 18 After "2027" insert "and 2027-2028".
21
22 Page 38-line 19 Delete entirely and insert "pursuant to W.S.
23 21-13-309(m) (v) (F)".
24
25 Page 38-lines 20 and 21 Delete entirely.
26
27 Page 38-line 22 Delete "2027-2028" and insert "2028-2029".
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29 Page 44-lines 9 through 14 Delete entirely.
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31 Page 45-line 18 Delete "2027-2028" and insert "2028-2029".
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33 Page 47-line 1 Delete "2027-2028" and insert "2028-2029".
34
35 Page 47-after line 4 Insert:
36
37 **"21-13-341. Instructional reserve account; expenditures;**
38 **reporting.**
39
40 (a) Each school district shall establish an instructional
41 reserve account.
42
43 (b) The account shall consist of any unexpended and
44 unencumbered funds resourced through the education resource block
45 grant model, pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309.1(c)(ii) through (x), for
46 instructional purposes, as defined by W.S. 21-13-309.1(d).
47 Interest and other earnings shall be credited to the account.

1 Unexpended and unencumbered monies within the account at the end
2 of each fiscal year shall not lapse but shall remain in the
3 account. These funds shall be excluded from the school district's
4 operating balance and cash reserves calculated pursuant to W.S.
5 21-13-313(e). In no event shall these funds be transferred or
6 expended for any other purpose, except as authorized by subsection
7 (c) of this section.

8
9 (c) Funds within the instructional reserve account may be
10 expended by school districts to mitigate the fiscal impact of
11 declining enrollment and to recruit, hire and retain instructional
12 personnel.

13
14 (d) Each school district shall report annually to the
15 department of education the balance of the instructional reserve
16 account and a general accounting of the expenditures from the
17 account. Reporting shall be in the manner and form required by the
18 department of education.

19
20 (e) The department of education shall promulgate rules,
21 including reporting requirements and procedures for districts, to
22 implement this section.

23
24 **21-13-342. Dual enrollment district reimbursement**
25 **program; administration; application; distribution.**

26
27 (a) In addition to funding generated by the education
28 resource block grant model, the department of education shall
29 reimburse each school district for amounts expended for student
30 enrollment in and completion of dual enrollment courses pursuant
31 to an agreement with the University of Wyoming or a community
32 college under W.S. 21-20-201.

33
34 (b) The department of education shall promulgate rules
35 necessary to implement this section. The rules shall, at a minimum,
36 establish the form, manner and procedures for submitting
37 reimbursement requests and the timeline and process for approval
38 or denial. Any denial shall be in writing and shall state the
39 specific reasons for the denial.

40
41 (c) The department shall annually distribute funds to school
42 districts in accordance with this section. If the funds
43 appropriated for this program are insufficient to pay approved
44 reimbursement expenses submitted by school districts, the payments
45 shall be reduced on a pro rata basis relative to each school
46 district's proportion of completed credit hours.

1 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, school
2 districts, the University of Wyoming and community colleges shall
3 not limit the number of dual enrollment courses in which a student
4 may enroll pursuant to W.S. 21-20-201.

5
6 (e) Not later than October 1 of each year, the department of
7 education shall report to the joint education interim committee
8 the total reimbursements awarded, the number of participating
9 districts and students, total credit hours funded and the rate of
10 completion and any pro rata reductions pursuant to subsection (c)
11 of this section."

12
13 Page 47-line 10 After "(IV) (intro)," insert "(F) (I) and
14 (II),".

15
16 Page 56-lines 9 through 20 Delete entirely and insert:

17
18 "(A) If the district's average ADM for the ~~three~~
19 ~~(3)-two (2)~~ immediately preceding school years is greater than the
20 district's ADM from the previous school year, each reported school
21 shall be computed based upon the average of the school's ADM counts
22 completed at the end of the ~~three (3)-two (2)~~ immediately preceding
23 school years, otherwise each reported school within the district
24 shall be computed based on the school's ADM for the previous school
25 year;".

26
27 Page 58-after line 3 insert:

28
29 "(F) Amounts provided within the model for health
30 insurance shall be based upon:

31
32 (I) ~~Prior year statewide average district~~
33 ~~weighted~~ The actual participation participants, as of October 1 of
34 the prior year, of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees funded
35 with amounts allocated from the education resource block grant
36 model in district health insurance plans ~~as to the proportion of~~
37 categorized into employee only, split contracts, employee plus
38 spouse, ~~or employee plus~~ children and family coverage;

39
40 (II) Each reported employee under
41 subdivision (I) of this subparagraph shall be multiplied by the
42 annualized state contribution rate as of January 1 of the preceding
43 school year, on behalf of each employee and official enrolled in
44 the state group health insurance plan, for employee only, split
45 contracts, employee plus spouse, or employee plus children and
46 family coverage. ~~except as provided in subdivision (III) of this~~
47 ~~subparagraph; and"~~.

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2 Page 60-line 22 Delete "year" and insert "years".
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4 Page 60-line 23 After "2026-2027" insert "and 2027-2028".
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6 Page 61-line 11 Reinsert all stricken language and delete all
7 new language.
8
9 Page 61-line 12 Delete all new language.
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11 Page 62-line 8 Reinsert stricken "annually".
12
13 Page 62-line 21 Reinsert all stricken language and delete all
14 new language.
15
16 Page 62-line 22 Delete "(2) years,".
17
18 Page 71-line 12 Delete "2027-2028" and insert "2028-2029".
19
20 Page 76-line 23 Delete "2027-2028" and insert "2028-2029".
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22 Page 84-line 17 Delete "July 1, 2027" and insert "July 1,
23 2028".
24
25 Page 94-line 14 After "(V), (C)" insert ", (F) (III)".
26
27 Page 96-line 15 Delete "." and insert ";".
28
29 Page 96-after line 15 Insert:
30
31 "(v) Health insurance, including potential savings or
32 additional costs, potential efficiencies and potential impact on
33 the state employees' group insurance plan. The study shall include
34 consideration of the data and study required pursuant to section
35 11(b) and (c), as created by this act."
36
37 Page 97-after line 15 Insert:
38
39 **"Section 8.**
40
41 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, for school years 2026-
42 2027 through 2028-2029, each school district shall establish a
43 teacher salary schedule, including pay tables, experience steps
44 and educational lanes, that ensures that teacher salaries paid by
45 the school district are equal to the greater of:
46

1 (i) The average teacher salary for each school district
2 as calculated pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309.1; or

3
4 (ii) One hundred and five percent (105%) of the average
5 teacher salary paid by the district for the preceding school
6 year."

7
8 Page 97-line 17 Delete "**Section 8.**" and insert "**Section 9.**".

9
10 Page 98-line 15 Delete "**Section 9.**" and insert "**Section 10.**".

11
12 Page 99-line 8 After "(b)" delete balance of line.

13
14 Page 99-line 9 Delete "dollars (\$216,500,000.00)" and insert
15 "Two hundred twenty-nine million five hundred
16 thousand dollars (\$229,500,000.00)".

17
18 Page 99-after line 21 Insert:

19
20 "(c) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) is appropriated
21 from the public school foundation program account to the department
22 of education-school finance for payments to school districts for
23 the dual enrollment district reimbursement program in accordance
24 W.S. 21-13-342, as created by this act. Not more than ten million
25 dollars (\$10,000,000.00) shall be expended in school year 2026-
26 2027 and ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in school year 2027-
27 2028 for payments pursuant to W.S. 21-13-342, as created by this
28 act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
29 effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2028. This
30 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other
31 purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
32 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It
33 is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation shall be
34 included in the department of education-school finance's standard
35 budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium."

36
37 Page 99-line 23 Delete "**Section 10.**" and insert "**Section 11.**".

38
39 Page 101-after line 22 Insert:

40
41 "(c) The department of administration and information shall
42 conduct a study of school district employee health insurance costs,
43 benefits and plans and submit a report with findings and
44 recommendations, if any, to the joint education interim committee
45 and the joint appropriations committee, not later than March 1,
46 2027. The study shall examine, at minimum, the following:

1 (i) Total employer and employee premium contributions by
2 district;

3
4 (ii) Plan design features, including deductibles, co-
5 pays, coinsurance, out-of-pocket maximums and tiers of coverage;

6
7 (iii) Self-funded versus fully insured arrangements;

8
9 (iv) Administrative costs and third-party administrator
10 fees;

11
12 (v) Claims experience and loss ratios, aggregated and
13 de-identified as necessary to comply with federal privacy law;

14
15 (vi) Reserve levels and stop-loss coverage;

16
17 (vii) The fiscal impact of health insurance costs on
18 district compensation structures; and

19
20 (viii) Comparative analysis of costs under participation
21 in the state employee health insurance program.

22
23 (d) There is appropriated one hundred fifty thousand dollars
24 (\$150,000.00) from the public school foundation program account to
25 the department of administration and information to complete the
26 study and report required pursuant to subsection (c) of this
27 section. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with
28 the effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2028. This
29 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other
30 purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
31 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It
32 is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation shall not
33 be included in the department of administration and information
34 standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium."

35
36 Page 102-line 1 Delete "(c)" and insert "(e)".

37
38 Page 102-line 3 Delete "July 1, 2027" and insert "July 1,
39 2028".

40
41 Page 102-lines 12 through 23 Delete entirely and insert:

42
43 "(f) There is appropriated up to eighty-eight million seven
44 hundred forty-two thousand one hundred seventy-six dollars
45 (\$88,742,176.00) or as much as there is available and necessary
46 from the school foundation program reserve account to the separate
47 employee health insurance account established under W.S. 9-3-

1 213(a). The department of administration and information shall
2 certify to the governor amounts necessary to be appropriated from
3 the school foundation program reserve account under this
4 subsection as a result of Wyoming school districts joining the
5 state employees' and officials' group insurance plan. The governor
6 shall report to the joint appropriations committee immediately
7 upon exercise of any appropriation from the school foundation
8 program reserve account to the separate employee health insurance
9 account established under W.S. 9-3-213(a) in accordance with this
10 subsection."

11
12 Pages 103 and 104 Delete entirely.

13
14 Page 105-line 6 Delete "July 1, 2027" and insert "July 1,
15 2028".

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17 Page 105-line 8 Delete "7, 8, 10 and 11" and insert "8, 9, 11
18 and 12". SCHULER, CHAIRMAN