

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains an appropriation of \$500,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Legislative Service Office. This appropriation is effective immediately.

This bill contains an appropriation of \$3,026,587 from the STATE SELF INSURANCE FUND to the Department of Administration and Information. This appropriation is effective immediately.

This bill contains appropriations totaling \$242,065,955 from the PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM ACCOUNT (SFP) to the Department of Education - School Finance. Of the total appropriations, \$5,000,000 is effective immediately.

This bill contains an authorization of 11 full-time positions.

	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Revenue increase			
SFP	\$15,400,000	\$49,200,000	\$50,500,000
	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Expenditure increase			
SFP	\$0	\$0	\$160,600,000

Description of appropriations, assumptions, and source of revenue and expenditure increases:

This bill implements the [2025 cost of education study](#), as modified by the Legislature, and recalibrates the education resource block grant model (K-12 funding model) beginning FY 2027. The estimated absolute impact to K-12 public school funding, compared to current law, is an increase of \$54,800,000 in FY 2027, \$102,300,000 in FY 2028, and \$110,000,000 in FY 2030.

This bill increases expenditures from the Public School Foundation Program Account by an estimated \$65,100,000 in FY 2027, \$151,400,000 in FY 2028, and \$160,600,000 in FY 2030 in the form of entitlement payments and reimbursements for retirement and health insurance to school districts. Section 9(b) of this bill appropriates \$216,500,000 from the Public School Foundation Program Account for the estimated expenditures in the FY 2027-2028 biennium. The above table only includes the anticipated expenditure increase in FY 2029 as the appropriation in Section 9(b) will be expended during the FY 2027-2028 biennium.

This bill increases revenues to the Public School Foundation Program Account by an estimated \$15,400,000 in FY 2027, \$49,200,000 in FY 2028, and \$50,500,000 in FY 2030 in the form of increased recapture payments from school districts.

The above estimates were determined through the use of forecast funding models utilized by the Legislative Service Office and are based on the most recent available data, including the January 2026 Consensus Revenue Estimating Group Revenue Forecast.

Section 9(a) of this bill appropriates \$20,565,955 from the Public School Foundation Program Account to reimburse school districts for the remaining balances of buses and other student transportation vehicles previously authorized for reimbursement

under W.S. 21-13-320. Beginning July 1, 2027, school districts will be reimbursed within three months of the purchase of buses and other student transportation vehicles and prohibits school districts from leasing in the future.

Section 11 of this bill appropriates \$5,000,000 from the Public School Foundation Program Account to continue the mental health service grant program established through 2024 Wyoming Session Law, Chapter 118, Section 3, Section 331 for FY 2027.

This bill requires the remaining 47 school districts and each board of cooperative educational services(BOCES) to participate in the state employees' and officials' group insurance plan not later than July 1, 2027. This bill appropriates \$3,026,587 from the separate employee health insurance account established under W.S. 9-3-213(a), State Self Insurance Fund, to fund the necessary costs of the 11 employees authorized to the Department of Administration and Information to administer the additional entities joining the state employees' and officials' group insurance plan.

The requirement for school districts and BOCES to participate in the state employees' and officials' group insurance plan will create an indeterminable revenue increase and corresponding expenditure increase from the State Self Insurance Fund. Depending on the timing of when school districts and BOCES participate in the state employees' and officials' group insurance plan, revenues and expenditures would increase in a commensurate amount. Further, the number of premiums paid through the K-12 funding model would be expected to decrease. School districts and BOCES would be required to report historical health claims and census data on eligible employees that would participate in the plan in order for the Department of Administration and Information to appropriately set future health premiums. It is anticipated the state employees' and officials' group insurance plan roughly doubles in the number of lives covered and the revenues and expenditures from the State Self Insurance Fund.

The Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration is continued through December 31, 2026 to continue the K-12 funding model recalibration in accordance with Section 7 of this bill. An estimated \$127,500 of the appropriation will be expended for the payment of salary, per diem and mileage for the twelve legislators appointed to the Select Committee. The above estimate assumes two meetings in FY 2026 and four meetings in FY 2027. The remaining appropriation, \$372,500, will be expended to fund the continued K-12 funding model recalibration study. It is anticipated this appropriation would be expended in FY 2027.