

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0167

K-12 funding amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jarvis, Campbell, E,
Clouston and Connolly

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to K-12 public school finance; modifying
2 payment for special education out of district placements;
3 increasing base teacher salaries utilized in the education
4 resource block grant model; providing appropriations; and
5 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. 21-13-321(b) is amended to read:

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11 **21-13-321. Special education; amount provided for**
12 **special education programs and services; reimbursement for**
13 **out-of-district placements; district reporting**
14 **requirements; billing for Medicaid authorized school based**
15 **services.**

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2 (b) Except for expenditures for out-of-district
3 special education placements, including placement for
4 behavioral supports, the amount provided to a school

5 district for special education shall be equal to one
6 hundred percent (100%) of the amount actually expended by
7 the district during the previous school year for special
8 education programs and services, which shall include the
9 amount actually expended by the district during the
10 previous school year for reasonable administrative costs to
11 bill for authorized Medicaid services under subsection (h)

12 of this section. Amounts ~~awarded~~provided under this
13 section shall be in addition to and shall not be considered
14 in determining the school foundation program amount under
15 the education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S.

16 21-13-309. Except for expenditures for out-of-district
17 special education placements, the department of education

18 shall distribute the amount computed under this section to
19 each school district in the same proportion and schedule of

20 distributions under W.S. 21-13-313(c). Expenditures by a
21 district for out-of-district special education placements

22 shall be reimbursed in the year in which the costs are
23 incurred and shall be distributed to each school district

1 on a quarterly basis in accordance with rules adopted by
2 the department of education.

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4 **Section 2.**

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6 (a) Beginning school year 2026-2027, the base salary
7 for teachers, as utilized in the education resource block
8 grant model, as defined by W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), shall be
9 equal to sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000.00), as
10 administrated by the state superintendent pursuant to W.S.
11 21-2-202(e).

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13 (b) There is appropriated from the public school
14 foundation program account to the department of
15 education-school finance three hundred forty-eight million
16 six hundred thousand dollars (\$348,600,000.00) for purposes
17 of making payments to school districts in accordance with
18 W.S. 21-13-313(c). This appropriation shall be for the
19 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
20 ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be
21 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
22 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
23 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,

1 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that this
2 appropriation be included in the department of
3 education-school finance's standard budget for the
4 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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6 (c) There is appropriated from the public school
7 foundation program account to the department of
8 education-school finance eight million nine hundred
9 thousand dollars (\$8,900,000.00) for purposes of
10 reimbursing school districts for retirement costs outside
11 the education resource block grant model. This
12 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
13 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2028. This
14 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
15 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
16 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
17 by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the
18 legislature that this appropriation be included in the
19 department of education-school finance's standard budget
20 for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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