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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Consolidation of career technical education grants.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to career technical education grants;  
2 consolidating the career and technical education  
3 demonstration project grants and career and technical  
4 education equipment grants; repealing a provision;  
5 specifying future budget requests; and providing for an  
6 effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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12 **STAFF COMMENT**

13 Please note, provisions of W.S. 21-13-337 that do not  
14 contain amendments are included in this bill draft to  
15 provide the Committee with context for the discussion.

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1 Those provisions will be deleted in the final draft of the  
2 bill.

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4 There are several references to W.S. 21-12-105 in the staff  
5 comments, please note Section 2 repeals this statute. The  
6 purpose is to outline the differences between the career  
7 and technical education demonstration project grants under  
8 W.S. 21-12-105 and the career and technical education  
9 equipment grants under W.S. 21-13-337.

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13 Section 1. W.S. 21-13-337(a), (b)(i) and (c) is  
14 amended to read:

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16 21-13-337. Career and technical education grants;  
17 application; criteria; limitations.

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19 (a) A school district may apply to the state  
20 department of education for state assistance to fund ~~the~~  
21 ~~purchase of supplies, materials and equipment~~ expenses  
22 identified in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this subsection  
23 for a ~~new or existing~~ career and technical education  
24 program in the district. Amounts awarded under this section  
25 shall be in addition to and shall not be considered in  
26 determining the school foundation program amount under the  
27 education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S.  
28 21-13-309. ~~Any school district receiving funds~~ Assistance

1 under ~~W.S. 21-12-105 for a career and technical education~~  
2 ~~demonstration project~~ this grant ~~shall be ineligible to~~  
3 ~~receive funds under this section for the period the~~ program  
4 may be requested by the district ~~receives funds under W.S.~~  
5 ~~21-12-105 for the following:~~

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7 (i) The purchase of supplies, materials and  
8 equipment for a new or existing career and technical  
9 education program in the district;

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11 (ii) Planning, development and implementation of  
12 a new or an expansion of an existing career and technical  
13 education program in the district to fund curriculum  
14 development, project design costs and to employ certified  
15 teachers to provide course instruction during the two (2)  
16 years of project implementation.

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18 (b) A grant awarded under this section shall be for a  
19 period of two (2) years and shall not exceed fifty thousand  
20 dollars (\$50,000.00) per year. Applications for a grant  
21 under this section shall be submitted on a form and in a  
22 manner specified by rule of the department, shall be filed

1 with the department on or before June 30 to secure a grant  
2 during the immediately succeeding school year and shall at  
3 a minimum include:

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6 STAFF COMMENT

7 Pursuant to W.S. 21-12-105(b), the maximum amounts that may  
8 be awarded under the career and technical education  
9 demonstration project grants are: 1) up to \$150,000 for the  
10 first year; and, 2) up to \$200,000 for the second year.

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12 The Committee may wish to amend the language in subsection  
13 (b) to reflect the amounts in 21-12-105 or other amounts.  
14 It is a policy decision for the Committee and the Wyoming  
15 Legislature.

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19 (i) A proposal documenting the need for the  
20 requested ~~supplies, materials and equipment~~ grant and the  
21 relationship of the career and technical education program  
22 to the workforce, education and economic needs of Wyoming;

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25 STAFF COMMENT

26 Pursuant to W.S. 21-12-105(a)(i) through (iv), applicants  
27 for the career and technical education demonstration  
28 project grants are required to demonstrate the program  
29 will:

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31 • Prepare high school students for a full range of post  
32 secondary options, including two (2) year and four (4)  
33 year college, apprenticeship, military and formal  
34 employment training;

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- 1 • Connect academic and technical curriculum grounded in
- 2 academic and industry standards;
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- 4 • Provide innovative strategies for ensuring student
- 5 access to career choices, as well as opportunities for
- 6 work-based learning and dual enrollment in related
- 7 post secondary education courses;
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- 9 • Support workforce, education and economic needs of
- 10 Wyoming.
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12 The Committee may wish to modify W.S. 21-13-337(b) to  
 13 reflect additional requirements for grant applicants. It is  
 14 a policy decision for the Committee and the Wyoming  
 15 Legislature.

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19 (ii) The purpose, plan and timeline for  
 20 expenditure of grant amounts;

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22 (iii) Assurances that school facilities  
 23 appropriately accommodate the career and technical  
 24 education program for which the supplies, materials and  
 25 equipment will be used;

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27 (iv) Other necessary information required by the  
 28 department.

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**STAFF COMMENT**

1 Pursuant to W.S. 21-12-105(c)(i) and (ii), in addition to  
 2 those requirements specified above, applicants for the  
 3 career and technical education demonstration project grant  
 4 are required to address the following:

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- 6 • A proposal based upon an existing partnership between  
 7 the applicant district, the Wyoming post-secondary  
 8 education institution and industry, which clearly  
 9 documents the need for establishing the proposed  
 10 career-technical education demonstration project;
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- 12 • Documentation of integration of industry standards,  
 13 school redesign and curriculum alignment between high  
 14 school and post-secondary education within the  
 15 proposed project.
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17 The Committee may wish to modify the requirements contained  
 18 in W.S. 21-13-337(b). It is a policy decision for the  
 19 Committee and the Wyoming Legislature.

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23 (c) Not later than August 15 of the applicable school  
 24 year and following review of applications submitted under  
 25 this section, the department shall notify applicant  
 26 districts of its grant awards and shall provide each  
 27 applicant district a written statement of the reasons for  
 28 approving or denying the application. No award shall be  
 29 given to a district unless it has expended, or will expend  
 30 with the award of the grant requested under this section,  
 31 the entire amount generated under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D)  
 32 for supplies, materials and equipment for career and  
 33 technical education programs utilizing expenditure data

1 from the immediately preceding five (5) school years from  
 2 the date of application and amounts from the special  
 3 reserve fund created under W.S. 21-13-504 for supplies,  
 4 materials and equipment for career and technical education  
 5 programs. ~~Further,~~ Preference shall be given to districts  
 6 that have not received a grant under this section in the  
 7 immediately preceding five (5) school years from the date  
 8 of application. If an application is approved, the  
 9 department shall award the grant from amounts made  
 10 available by legislative appropriation from the public  
 11 school foundation program account for purposes of this  
 12 section.

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STAFF COMMENT

17 To receive a career and technical education demonstration  
 18 project grant under W.S. 21-12-105, school districts are  
 19 not required to expend the entire amount generated under  
 20 W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D) for supplies, materials and  
 21 equipment for career and technical education programs  
 22 utilizing expenditure data from the immediately preceding  
 23 five (5) school years from the date of application and  
 24 amounts from the special reserve fund created under W.S.  
 25 21-13-504 for supplies, materials and equipment for career  
 26 and technical education programs.

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28 Additionally, W.S. 21-12-105 does not specify a preference  
 29 in the award of funds.

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1 The Committee may wish to modify the requirements contained  
2 in W.S. 21-13-337(c). It is a policy decision for the  
3 Committee and the Wyoming Legislature.

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5 The amendment on page 7, line 2 is suggested to improve  
6 clarity in the award of the grant. "Further" indicates  
7 there are additional preferences in the award of funds.  
8 This is the only preference specified in W.S. 21-13-337.

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12 (d) Each applicant district shall report to the  
13 department on the expenditure of amounts awarded under this  
14 section and shall provide other information as required by  
15 rule of the department.

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18 STAFF COMMENT

19 Pursuant to W.S. 21-12-105(d), in addition to expenditure  
20 information, recipients of the career and technical  
21 education demonstration project grant are required to  
22 provide an evaluation of the project results in  
23 consultation with post-secondary education programs and  
24 industry.

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26 The Committee may wish to modify the requirements contained  
27 in W.S. 21-13-337(d). It is a policy decision for the  
28 Committee and the Wyoming Legislature.

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32 (e) The department of education shall promulgate  
33 rules necessary to carry out this section.

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1 (f) As used in this section, "career and technical  
2 education program" shall be as specified in W.S.  
3 21-13-309(m)(v)(D)(II).

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5 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-12-105 is repealed.

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7 **Section 3.** It is the intent of the legislature that  
8 the career and technical education grant program  
9 administered pursuant to W.S. 21-13-337 as amended by  
10 section 1 of this act contain a single amount in the  
11 standard budget for the department of education-school  
12 finance for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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14 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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17 **STAFF COMMENT**

18 Note the delayed effective date to accommodate grants for  
19 school year 2024-2025 that were required to be awarded no  
20 later than August 15, 2024 under both programs, and that  
21 will be awarded for school year 2025-2026.

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23 Pursuant to existing law, both grants authorize funds to be  
24 awarded for a maximum period of two years. A delayed  
25 effective date that aligns with the next budget request may  
26 avoid confusion for school districts awarded funds for  
27 school year 2024-2025 and that plan on utilizing the two  
28 years of funding available under the programs as the law is  
29 currently written.

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4 (END)