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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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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 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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16 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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