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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

K-12 mental health program-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Larsen, L

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; creating a program relating  
2 to K-12 mental health as specified; providing  
3 appropriations; providing positions; requiring reports;  
4 requiring rulemaking; repealing a provision; and providing  
5 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.**

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11 (a) There is created a program to address the mental  
12 health needs of K-12 public school students, to be  
13 administered by the department of education. The program

1 shall exist for a minimum of two (2) school years and shall  
2 focus on advancing wellness and resiliency in the education  
3 of K-12 students. The program shall identify and refer  
4 students in need of mental health treatment and recognize  
5 the value of referring students for appropriate services.  
6 The program shall be available to every Wyoming public  
7 school district, each of which can choose whether or not to  
8 implement the program.

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10 (b) Each school district participating in the program  
11 shall report to the department of education the expenditure  
12 of amounts appropriated under this act, the number of  
13 students that received services as a result of the program  
14 and the impact of the services offered. Each district shall  
15 provide other information and data as required by the  
16 department.

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18 **Section 2.**

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20 (a) Up to five million eight hundred five thousand  
21 dollars (\$5,805,000.00), or as much thereof as is credited  
22 to the public school foundation program account as a result  
23 of the appropriation repealed in section 3 is hereby

1 reappropriated from the public school foundation program  
2 account to the department of education in order to  
3 implement the program created by section 1 of this act for  
4 school year 2024-2025, to augment amounts within the  
5 education resource block grant model available to districts  
6 to address the mental health needs of the K-12 student  
7 population. This reappropriation shall be for the period  
8 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending  
9 June 30, 2026. This reappropriation shall not be  
10 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any  
11 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this  
12 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,  
13 2026.

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15 (b) There is appropriated five million eight hundred  
16 five thousand dollars (\$5,805,000.00) from the public  
17 school foundation program account-school finance to the  
18 department of education to implement the program created by  
19 section 1 of this act for school year 2025-2026, to augment  
20 amounts within the education resource block grant model  
21 available to districts to address the mental health needs  
22 of the K-12 student population. This appropriation shall be  
23 for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30,

1 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or  
2 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,  
3 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall  
4 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026. It is the  
5 intent of the legislature that additional funding for this  
6 purpose be doubled and included in the department of  
7 education's next budget request submitted under W.S. 9-2-  
8 1013.

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10 (c) From the appropriations in subsection (a) and (b)  
11 of this section, community project manager positions shall  
12 be created in each participating district, the salaries and  
13 fringe benefits of which shall not exceed one hundred  
14 thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per school year, per  
15 district with an ADM of five hundred (500) or more students  
16 and which shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars  
17 (\$25,000.00) per school year, per district with an ADM of  
18 less than five hundred (500) students.

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20 (d) The department of education is authorized two (2)  
21 full-time positions for the purpose of implementing and  
22 administering this act. The salary and benefits of the  
23 positions authorized under this subsection are to be taken

1 out of the appropriations made in subsections (a) and (b)  
2 of this section, in an amount not to exceed two hundred  
3 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000.00) per school year.  
4 These appropriations shall not be transferred or expended  
5 for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
6 remaining from these appropriations shall revert as  
7 provided by law on June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the  
8 legislature that these positions be carried over for the  
9 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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11 **Section 3.**

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13 (a) 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section  
14 331(a) is repealed.

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16 (b) Unexpended, unobligated funds deappropriated as a  
17 result of the appropriation repealed in subsection (a) of  
18 this section shall be credited to the public school  
19 foundation program account on the effective date of this  
20 section.

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22 **Section 4.** Not later than August 1, 2026, the  
23 department of education shall report to the joint education

1 interim committee findings and recommendations on the  
2 number of students served as a result of the program  
3 created by section 1 of this act and shall include any  
4 recommendations to address the costs associated with  
5 responding to students' mental health needs.

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7       **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon  
8 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
9 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
10 Constitution.

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