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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

K-12 categorical grant to assist in student success.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; creating a program for  
2 professional development to assist in student success;  
3 providing an appropriation; requiring reporting; requiring  
4 rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) For school year 2026-2027 and school year  
11 2027-2028, to augment amounts within the education resource  
12 block grant model available to school districts to provide  
13 professional development for school district employees who

1 may have an impact on student success as determined by the  
2 district, a school district may apply to the department of  
3 education for a grant under this section. Grants awarded to  
4 school districts under this section shall be used for  
5 professional development for school district employees to  
6 better understand and build on students' strengths,  
7 proactively address nonacademic reasons why students may  
8 fall behind in school and identify what students need to  
9 thrive in and outside the classroom. Amounts awarded under  
10 this section shall be in addition to and shall not be  
11 considered in determining the school foundation program  
12 amount under the education resource block grant model  
13 pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309.

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17 **STAFF COMMENT**  
18 **As currently drafted, this grant allows professional**  
19 **development for a larger group than just teachers. It is a**  
20 **policy decision for the Legislature.**  
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24 (b) Grants shall be based upon a school district's  
25 previous school year's average daily membership (ADM) at a  
26 rate of **xxx** dollars (\$**xxx**) per ADM. Application for a grant  
27 under this section shall be on a form and in a manner

1 specified by rule of the department of education, shall be  
2 filed with the department on or before June 30, 2026 and  
3 June 30, 2027 to secure a grant for the immediately  
4 succeeding school year, and shall at a minimum include:

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8 STAFF COMMENT  
9 The Committee may wish to award a flat dollar amount for  
10 school districts instead of on a per ADM basis as contained  
11 on page 2, lines 24-27. It is a policy decision for the  
12 Legislature.

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14 The Committee must determine the per ADM amount to be  
15 awarded and the total appropriation for this grant program.

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19 (i) A proposal documenting the need for  
20 additional professional development to increase student  
21 success and a plan for expenditure of grant amounts. The  
22 proposal shall identify the following:

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24 (A) The proposed program the school  
25 district will use to administer professional development;

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27 (B) The estimated number of school district  
28 employees who will receive professional development;

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1                   (C) The estimated number of hours necessary  
2 for the proposed professional development program.

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4                   (ii) Other necessary information required by the  
5 department of education.

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7                   (c) Not later than August 15 of each applicable  
8 school year and following review of applications submitted  
9 under this section, the department of education shall  
10 notify applicant school districts of the decision to award  
11 or deny a grant application and shall provide each  
12 applicant district a written statement of the reasons for  
13 approving or denying the application. If an application is  
14 approved, the department shall award the grant from amounts  
15 made available by legislative appropriation from the public  
16 school foundation program account for purposes of this  
17 section.

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19                   (d) Each school district that receives a grant under  
20 this section shall report to the department of education  
21 the expenditure of amounts awarded under this section, the  
22 number of school district employees that received  
23 professional development, a description of the professional

1 development deployed, the number of hours school district  
2 employees spent in professional development and how student  
3 success has improved or not improved as a result of the  
4 professional development. Each district shall provide other  
5 information as required by rule of the department.

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

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10 **Section 2.** Not later than August 1, 2027, and again  
11 on August 1, 2028, the department of education shall  
12 provide to the joint education interim committee findings  
13 on the impact of professional development on student  
14 success delivered as a result of the grant program created  
15 by section 1 of this act. The report shall include any  
16 recommendations for refinement of components within the  
17 education resource block grant model to provide additional  
18 funds for professional development to continue the  
19 professional development delivered by school districts  
20 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

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22 **Section 3.** There is appropriated **XXX** dollars (\$**XXX**)  
23 from the public school foundation program account to the

1 department of education-school finance for the grant  
2 program established by section 1 of this act. Not more than  
3 **xxx** dollars (**\$xxx**) shall be expended each school year. This  
4 appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1,  
5 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. To the extent these  
6 appropriated funds are insufficient to fund all grant  
7 payments awarded under section 1 of this act, the  
8 department shall make a pro rata reduction in district  
9 grant payments. This appropriation shall not be transferred  
10 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,  
11 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall  
12 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the  
13 intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be  
14 included in the standard budget for the department of  
15 education for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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19 **STAFF COMMENT**  
20 **The Committee must determine the total appropriation for**  
21 **this grant program.**

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25 **Section 4.**

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(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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6 (b) Sections 3 is effective July 1, 2026.

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