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NOT APPROVED FOR
INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Literacy position for K-3 reading program.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to authorization of a full-time literacy
2 position for the department of education; providing funding
3 for contractual services (900 series) to the department of
4 education; requiring reports; 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.**

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11 (a) There is appropriated two hundred forty thousand
12 dollars (\$240,000.00) from the public school foundation
13 program account to the department of education to employ

1 one (1) full-time employee position to assist school
2 districts in implementing W.S. 21-3-401 for the period
3 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. Of this
4 appropriation, not more than one hundred twenty thousand
5 dollars (\$120,000.00) shall be expended each fiscal year.
6 This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
7 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
8 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
9 by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the
10 legislature that the department of education include this
11 appropriation and the full-time position authorized by this
12 subsection in its standard budget request for the
13 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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15 (b) There is appropriated three hundred thousand
16 dollars (\$300,000.00) from the public school foundation
17 program account to the department of education for
18 contractual services (900 series) necessary to support the
19 literacy position authorized by subsection (a) of this
20 section for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending
21 June 30, 2028. Of this appropriation, not more than one
22 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be

1 expended each fiscal year. This appropriation shall not be
2 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
3 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
4 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
5 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that the
6 department of education include this appropriation in its
7 standard budget request for the immediately succeeding
8 fiscal biennium. As a condition of this appropriation, not
9 later than October 1, 2026, and each October 1 thereafter,
10 the department of education shall report on the expenditure
11 of the funds appropriated under this subsection to the
12 joint education interim committee.

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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16 (END)