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HOUSE BILL NO.

State education grants for nonpublic schools.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to education grants; authorizing nonpublic special purpose schools to apply for and receive grants administered by the department of education; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-2-202(a) by creating a new paragraph (xli) is amended to read:

21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.

(a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law, the state superintendent shall:

(xli) Permit nonpublic special purpose schools to apply for and receive grants administered by the department of education for which school districts are eligible, subject to the same application, reporting, accountability, compliance, and other requirements applicable to school districts. As used in this paragraph, "nonpublic special purpose school" means an accredited educational program operating in Wyoming that is not operated by a school district organized pursuant to W.S. 21-3-101 et seq. and that provides specialized educational, behavioral, therapeutic or residential services to students, including a program providing educational services pursuant to W.S. 21-13-315 or 21-13-336. Eligibility of a nonpublic special purpose school for a grant funded in whole or in part with federal funds shall be subject to federal law, federal regulation and the requirements of the applicable federal grant program.

Section 2. W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xli) as created by section 1 of this act shall apply to grant applications submitted on or after July 1, 2027.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2027.

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