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HOUSE BILL NO.

Charter school eligibility for state educational grants.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to charter schools; providing for charter school participation in grants, reimbursements and other state assistance available to school districts; requiring school districts to submit or include charter schools in applications and requests for grants, reimbursements and other state assistance as specified; providing for the allocation of funds to charter schools; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-3-314 by creating a new subsection (g) is amended to read:

21-3-314. Students counted among district ADM; determination of charter school funding.

(g) Except for a grant for which an authorizer acts as the local education agency pursuant to W.S. 21-3-302.1(a)(vi), with respect to any grant, reimbursement or other state assistance for which a school district may apply or qualify for:

(i) Upon request of a charter school located within the school district, the board of trustees of the school district shall timely:

(A) Include the requesting charter school in any application or request submitted or to be submitted by the school district; or

(B) If the school district does not otherwise submit an application or request, submit an application or request on behalf of the requesting charter school.

(ii) The requesting charter school shall satisfy any requirements applicable to the activity, program, project, expenditure or other purpose for which funds are sought. Qualifying expenditures made by the requesting charter school shall be deemed expenditures of the school district for purposes of determining eligibility for and the amount of any grant, reimbursement or other state assistance based upon qualifying expenditures;

(iii) For any grant or other state assistance that is not based upon qualifying expenditures awarded pursuant to an application or request under paragraph (i) of this subsection, the school district shall distribute to the requesting charter school the greater of:

(A) Ten percent (10%) of the amount awarded; or

(B) An amount determined by dividing the requesting charter school's average daily membership from the previous school year by the school district's average daily membership from the previous school year and multiplying by the amount awarded.

(iv) Except as otherwise provided by law, for any reimbursement or other state assistance based upon qualifying expenditures, the school district shall distribute to the requesting charter school the amount received that is attributable to qualifying expenditures made by the requesting charter school;

(v) The amount distributed under paragraph (iii) of this subsection shall not exceed the amount approved by the entity awarding the grant or other state assistance for the requesting charter school's activities, programs, projects or expenditures;

(vi) If more than one (1) charter school requests participation in the same grant or other state assistance and the total amount determined for the requesting charter schools exceeds the amount available for distribution, each requesting charter school's allocation shall be reduced proportionately based on the amount otherwise determined for that charter school under this subsection.

Section 2. W.S. 21-3-314(g), as created by section 1 of this act, shall apply beginning with school year 2027-2028 and each school year thereafter.

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

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