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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

K-12 school facilities planning and infrastructure study.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Facilities

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to K-12 public school facilities
2 construction; requiring the school facilities commission
3 to study and develop recommendations to improve
4 coordination between the state and local government
5 entities and other stakeholders in construction of K-12
6 public school facilities; requiring a report; providing an
7 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.**

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1 (a) The school facilities commission, with the
2 assistance of the school facilities division of the state
3 construction department, shall conduct a study to evaluate
4 the existing planning, siting, development and construction
5 of K-12 public school facilities in Wyoming, including a
6 comparative analysis of other selected states. The study
7 shall include an evaluation of the following:

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9 (i) Planning and siting processes for K-12
10 public school facilities including local land use
11 regulation, projected population growth, zoning,
12 subdivision, platting, permitting and development review
13 and approval processes;

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15 (ii) Infrastructure requirements, including
16 public improvements, impact fees, development requirements,
17 exactions, cost allocations, reimbursement agreements,
18 cost-sharing agreements and other financing mechanisms;

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20 (iii) Coordination between the state, school
21 districts, municipalities, counties, special districts,
22 utility providers, developers and other stakeholders
23 through planning committees, advisory committees,

1 intergovernmental agreements or other coordination
2 processes;

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4 (iv) Existing and potential exemptions from state
5 or local land use, permitting, infrastructure, development
6 and financing requirements applicable to the planning,
7 siting, development and construction of K-12 public school
8 facilities, including exemptions that could reduce costs,
9 streamline project delivery, or otherwise improve the
10 efficiency of school facility development.

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12 (b) In conducting the study under subsection (a) of
13 this section, the school facilities commission shall
14 consult with representatives from:

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16 (i) School districts;

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18 (ii) Municipalities;

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20 (iii) Counties;

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22 (iv) Special districts;

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1 (v) Utility providers;

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3 (vi) Developers, engineers and planners;

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5 (vii) Other stakeholders as determined
6 appropriate by the commission.

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8 (c) The commission shall prepare a report containing:

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10 (i) Findings and any recommendations to improve
11 coordination, efficiency and long-term planning among the
12 state, local government entities, school districts and
13 other stakeholders in the planning, siting, development and
14 construction of K-12 public school facilities in Wyoming,
15 including but not limited to the matters specified in
16 subsection (a) of this section;

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18 (ii) A fiscal analysis of recommended options;

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20 (iii) Any proposed statutory amendments
21 necessary to implement the commission's recommendations.

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1 (d) Not later than October 1, 2027, the school
2 facilities commission shall submit the report required by
3 subsection (c) of this section to the select committee on
4 school facilities.

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6 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one hundred fifty
7 thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) from the public school
8 foundation program account to the state construction
9 department for the purpose of conducting the study required
10 by this act. This appropriation shall be for the period
11 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
12 June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred
13 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
14 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
15 revert as provided by law. It is the intent of the
16 legislature that this appropriation not be included in the
17 state construction department's standard budget for the
18 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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22 **STAFF COMMENT**

23 **The appropriation of \$150,000 for the study is a**
24 **placeholder amount and may be adjusted following**
25 **consultation with the State Construction Department and**
26 **direction from the Committee.**

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Section 3. 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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