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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

K-12 public school finance.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Finance
Recalibration

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to K-12 public school finance; implementing
2 the 2025 cost of education study as modified by the
3 legislature; modifying the education resource block grant
4 model; modifying cash reserves; restricting expenditure of
5 funds distributed through the school foundation program
6 account; modifying health insurance; making conforming
7 amendments; repealing provisions; and providing for
8 effective dates.

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

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1 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-309.1, 21-13-339 and 21-13-340
2 are created to read:

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4 **21-13-309.1. Education resource block grant model**
5 **components; retirement; health insurance.**

6

7 (a) This section is intended to specify the education
8 resource block grant model components and computations
9 necessary to execute the 2025 cost of education study as
10 required by W.S. 21-13-309(t) and as adopted and modified
11 by the legislature.

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13 (b) As used in this section:

14

15 (i) "Average daily membership" or "ADM" means as
16 defined by W.S. 21-13-101(a)(i);

17

18 (ii) "Education resource block grant model" means
19 as defined by W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv);

20

21 (iii) "Co-located school" means two (2) or more
22 schools, each with its own administrative structure, that
23 operate within the same physical facility, regardless of

1 whether the schools serve the same or different grade
2 bands.

3

4 (iv) "FTE" means full-time equivalency basis as
5 computed in accordance with the department of education
6 rule;

7

8 (v) "Grade band" means a school grade
9 configuration that falls within one (1) of the following
10 configurations:

11

12 (A) An elementary school grade band that
13 includes grades kindergarten through grade six (K-6) or any
14 combination of those grades;

15

16 (B) A middle school grade band that
17 includes grade five (5) through eight (8) or grade six (6)
18 through grade nine (9) or any combination of grades within
19 those ranges;

20

21 (C) A high school grade band that includes
22 grade eight (8) through grade twelve (12) or any
23 combination of those grades.

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2 (c) The education resource block grant model
3 components and associated resources are as follows:

4

5 (i) Full day kindergarten. Funded for all
6 elementary school grade bands;

7

13

14 (iii) Elective/specialist teachers.

15

16 (A) Elementary school grade bands. FTE equal
17 to twenty percent (20%) of the core teachers calculated
18 pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subsection;

19

(B) Middle school grade bands. FTE equal to twenty percent (20%) of the core teachers calculated pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subsection;

23

1 (C) High school grade bands. FTE equal to
2 thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the core
3 teachers calculated pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this
4 subsection.

5

6 (iv) For any school with greater than fifty (50)
7 ADM, additional career and technical education teachers.
8 FTE equal to thirty-four percent (34%) of each school's
9 career and technical education students reported pursuant
10 to W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D)(I), divided by twenty-five (25);

11

12 (v) Minimum teachers. Resourced at the highest
13 prototypical school model prototype:

14

15 (A) For any school with greater than fifty
16 (50) ADM, if the combined total FTE calculated pursuant to
17 paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this subsection is less
18 than the applicable minimum specified in subdivisions (I)
19 through (III) of this subparagraph, the school shall be
20 provided the applicable minimum teacher FTEs as follows:

21

22 (I) Six (6) FTE for an elementary
23 school;

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2 (II) Seven (7) FTE for a middle school;

3

4 (III) Nine (9) FTE for a high school.

5

6 (B) For any school with fifty (50) ADM or
7 less, the minimum teacher FTEs specified in subparagraph
8 (A) of this paragraph shall be reduced on a pro rata basis,
9 calculated by multiplying the applicable minimum teacher
10 FTEs by a fraction, the numerator of which is the school's
11 ADM and the denominator of which is fifty (50).

12

13 (vi) Summer school teachers. One (1.0) FTE for
14 every one hundred and twenty (120) at-risk students
15 identified pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (A);

16

17 (vii) Extended day school teachers. One (1.0) FTE
18 for every one hundred and twenty (120) at-risk students
19 identified pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (A);

20

21 (viii) English language learner teachers. One
22 (1.0) FTE for every one hundred (100) students identified
23 as limited English proficient in accordance with rules

1 enacted by the department of education pursuant to W.S.
2 21-13-309 (m) (v) (A);

3

4 (ix) Instructional facilitators. Resourced at the
5 highest prototypical school model prototype using total
6 school ADM:

7

8 (A) Elementary schools. One and one-half
9 (1.5) FTE for every three hundred thirty (330) ADM;

10

11 (B) Middle schools. One and one-half (1.5)
12 FTE for every three hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

13

14 (C) High schools. One and one-half (1.5) FTE
15 for every three hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

16

17 (D) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A)
18 through (C) of this paragraph, each school district shall
19 receive a minimum of one (1.0) FTE.

20

21 (x) At-risk/core tutors. Resourced at the highest
22 prototypical school model prototype. One (1.0) FTE for

1 every one hundred (100) at-risk students identified
2 pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(A), plus:

3

4 (A) Elementary schools. One (1.0) FTE for
5 every three hundred thirty (330) ADM;

6

7 (B) Middle schools. One (1.0) FTE for every
8 three hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

9

10 (C) High schools. One (1.0) FTE for every
11 three hundred fifteen (315) ADM.

12

13 (xi) Substitute teachers. An amount equal to:

14

15 (A) Five and seven hundred fifteen
16 thousandths percent (5.715%) of the combined total FTEs
17 generated by paragraphs (ii) through (x);

18

19 (B) The amount calculated in subparagraph
20 (A) of this paragraph multiplied by a daily salary as
21 specified in subparagraph (xxxii)(R) of this subsection,
22 multiplied by seven and sixty-five hundredths percent

1 (7.65%) for employer paid social security and Medicaid
2 benefits.

3

4 (xii) Counselors. One (1.0) FTE for every two
5 hundred fifty (250) middle and high school ADM;

6

7 (xiii) Pupil support positions. The greater of:

8

9 (A) One (1.0) FTE for every one hundred
10 (100) at-risk students computed under W.S.
11 21-13-309(m) (v) (A); or

12

13 (B) Resourced at the highest prototypical
14 school model prototype:

15

16 (I) Elementary schools. One (1.0) FTE
17 for every three hundred thirty three (330) ADM;

18

19 (II) Middle schools. One (1.0) FTE for
20 every three hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

21

22 (III) High schools. One (1.0) FTE for
23 every three hundred fifteen (315).

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2 (xiv) Supervisory aides. Resourced at the
3 highest prototypical school model prototype:

4

5 (A) Elementary schools. Two (2.0) FTE for
6 every three hundred thirty three (330) ADM;

7

10

11 (C) High schools. Three (3.0) FTE for every
12 six hundred thirty (630) ADM.

13

14 (xv) Librarians. Resourced at the highest
15 prototypical school model prototype:

16

17 (A) Elementary schools. One (1.0) FTE for
18 every three hundred thirty (330) ADM up to three hundred
19 thirty (330) ADM;

20

21 (B) Middle schools. One (1.0) FTE for every
22 three hundred fifteen (315) ADM up to three hundred fifteen
23 (315) ADM;

1

2 (C) High schools. One (1.0) FTE for every
3 six hundred thirty (630) high school ADM up to six hundred
4 thirty (330) ADM.

5

6 (D) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A)
7 through (C) of this paragraph, each school district shall
8 receive a minimum of one-half (0.5) FTE.

9

10 (xvi) Library aides. Resourced at the highest
11 prototypical school model prototype:

12

13 (A) Elementary schools. One (1.0) FTE for
14 each additional three hundred thirty (330) ADM above three
15 hundred thirty (330) ADM;

16

17 (B) Middle schools. One (1.0) FTE for each
18 additional three hundred fifteen (315) ADM above three
19 hundred fifteen (315) ADM;

20

21 (C) High schools. One (1.0) FTE for each
22 additional six hundred thirty (630) above six hundred
23 thirty (630) ADM.

1

2 (xvii) Principals. Resourced at the highest
3 prototypical school model prototype:

4

5 (A) Elementary schools. One (1.0) FTE for
6 each school with at least one hundred ten (110) ADM;

7

8 (B) Middle schools. One (1.0) FTE for each
9 school with at least one hundred five (105) ADM;

10

11 (C) High schools. One (1.0) FTE for each
12 school with at least one hundred five (105) ADM.

13

14 (xviii) Assistant principals. Resourced at the
15 highest prototypical school model prototype:

16

17 (A) Elementary schools.

18

19 (I) One (1.0) assistant principal
20 position for each additional three hundred thirty (330) ADM
21 above three hundred thirty (330) ADM; or

22

1 (II) One (1.0) FTE for schools with
2 less than one hundred ten (110) elementary ADM.

3

4 (B) Middle schools.

5

6 (I) One (1.0) assistant principal
7 position for each additional three hundred fifteen (315)
8 ADM above three hundred fifteen (315) ADM; or

9

(II) One (1.0) FTE for middle and high schools with less than one hundred five (105) ADM.

12

13 (B) High schools.

14

15 (I) One (1.0) assistant principal
16 position for each additional three hundred fifteen (315)
17 ADM above three hundred fifteen (315) ADM; or

18

19 (II) One (1.0) FTE for middle and high
20 schools with less than one hundred five (105) ADM.

21

(xix) School site secretaries. Resourced at the highest prototypical school model prototype:

1

2 (A) Elementary schools. Two (2) FTE for
3 three hundred thirty (330) ADM, prorated down to one and
4 one-half (1.5) FTE for two hundred twenty (220) ADM,
5 prorated down to one (1.0) FTE for one hundred ten (110)
6 ADM, one (1.0) FTE prorated below one hundred ten (110)
7 ADM. For schools with greater than three hundred thirty
8 (330) ADM, one (1.0) additional FTE for each additional one
9 hundred sixty-five (165) ADM;

10

11 (B) Middle schools. Two (2.0) FTE for three
12 hundred fifteen (315) ADM, prorated down to one and one-
13 half (1.5) FTE for two hundred ten (210) ADM, prorated down
14 to one (1.0) FTE for one hundred five (105) ADM, one (1.0)
15 FTE prorated below one hundred five (105) ADM. For schools
16 with ADM greater than three hundred fifteen (315) ADM, one
17 (1.0) additional FTE for each additional one hundred fifty-
18 seven and one-half (157.5) ADM;

19

20 (C) High schools. Three (3.0) FTE for six
21 hundred thirty (630) ADM, prorated down to two (2.0) FTE
22 for three hundred fifteen (315) ADM, prorated down to one
23 and one-half (1.5) FTE for two hundred ten (210) ADM,

1 prorated down to one (1.0) FTE for one hundred five (105)
2 ADM, one (1.0) FTE prorated below one hundred five (105)
3 ADM. For schools with ADM greater than six hundred thirty
4 (630) ADM, one (1.0) additional FTE for each additional two
5 hundred ten (210) ADM.

6

7 (xx) Instructional and library materials. Three
8 hundred dollars (\$300.00) per ADM;

9

10 (xxi) Technology and equipment. Two hundred
11 fifty dollars (\$250.00) per ADM;

12

13 (xxii) Gifted and talented students. Twenty-five
14 dollars (\$25.00) per ADM;

15

16 (xxiii) Student activities.

17

18 (A) School districts with two thousand
19 (2,000) or more ADM: eight hundred thirty-three dollars
20 (\$833.00) per high school grade band ADM, four hundred
21 forty-seven dollars (\$447.00) per middle school grade band
22 ADM and thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per elementary school
23 grade band ADM.

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2 (B) School districts with five hundred (500)
3 ADM: two thousand eighty-two dollars and fifty cents
4 (\$2,082.50) per high school grade band ADM, one thousand
5 one hundred seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$1,117.50)
6 per middle school grade band ADM and eighty-seven dollars
7 and fifty cents (\$87.50) per elementary school grade band
8 ADM:

9

10 (C) School districts with one hundred fifty
11 (150) or fewer ADM: two thousand four hundred ninety-nine
12 dollars (\$2,499.00) per high school grade band ADM, one
13 thousand three hundred forty-one dollars (\$1,341.00) per
14 middle school grade band ADM and one hundred five dollars
15 (\$105.00) per elementary school grade band ADM;

16

17 (D) For school districts with less than two
18 thousand (2,000) ADM and more than five hundred (500) ADM
19 the per ADM amounts specified in subparagraph (A) of this
20 paragraph shall be proportionally adjusted on a linear per
21 ADM basis to the per ADM amounts specified in subparagraph
22 (B) of this paragraph;

23

1 (E) For school districts with less than
2 five hundred (500) ADM and more than one hundred fifty
3 (150) ADM the per ADM amounts specified in subparagraph (B)
4 of this paragraph shall be proportionally adjusted on a
5 linear per ADM basis to the per ADM amounts specified in
6 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

7

8 (xxiv) Professional development. One hundred
9 ninety-one dollars and forty-three cents (\$191.43) per ADM;

10

11 (xxv) Short cycle and formative assessments.

12 Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per ADM;

13

(xxvi) Central office staff. Central office staff shall be calculated utilizing the school district's ADM, as follows:

17

18 (A) For school districts with five hundred
19 (500) ADM or less:

20 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent
21 position;

22 (II) One and one-half (1.5) FTE for
23 deputy/assistant superintendent positions;

1

2 (III) Two (2.0) FTE for

3 secretary/accounting positions;

4

5 (IV) One (1.0) FTE for a computer

6 technician position.

7

8 (B) For school districts with more than five

9 hundred (500) ADM and less than or equal to one thousand

10 (1,000) ADM:

11

12 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent

13 position;

14

15 (II) Two (2.0) FTE for deputy/assistant

16 superintendent positions prorated down to one and one-half

17 (1.5) FTE for five hundred (500) ADM;

18

19 (III) Three (3.0) FTE for

20 secretary/accounting positions prorated down to two (2.0)

21 FTE for five hundred (500) ADM;

22

1 (IV) Two (2.0) FTE for computer
2 technician positions prorated down to one (1.0) FTE for
3 five hundred (500) ADM.

4

5 (C) For school districts with more than one
6 thousand (1,000) ADM and less than or equal to two thousand
7 (2,000) ADM:

8

9 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent
10 position;

11

12 (II) Three (3.0) FTE for
13 deputy/assistant superintendent positions prorated down to
14 two (2.0) FTE for one thousand (1,000) ADM;

15

16 (III) Six and one-half (6.5) FTE for
17 secretary/accounting positions prorated down to three (3.0)
18 FTE for one thousand (1,000) ADM;

19

20 (IV) Two and one-half (2.5) FTE for
21 computer technician positions prorated down to two (2.0)
22 FTE for one thousand (1,000) ADM.

23

1 (D) For school districts with more than two
2 thousand (2,000) ADM and less than or equal to four
3 thousand (4,000) ADM:

4

5 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent
6 position;

7

11

12 (III) Ten (10.0) FTE for
13 secretary/accounting positions prorated down to six and
14 one-half (6.5) FTE for two thousand (2,000) ADM;

15

16 (IV) Five (5.0) FTE for computer
17 technician positions prorated down to two and half (2.5)
18 FTE for two thousand (2,000) ADM;

19

20 (V) Three (3.0) FTE for
21 director/coordinator positions prorated down to zero (0.0)
22 FTE for two thousand (2,000) ADM;

23

1 (VI) One (1.0) FTE for a network
2 supervisor position prorated down to zero (0.0) FTE for two
3 thousand (2,000) ADM;

4

5 (VII) One (1.0) FTE for a software
6 manager position prorated down to zero (0.0) FTE for two
7 thousand (2,000) ADM.

8

9 (E) For school districts with more than
10 four thousand (4,000) ADM and less than or equal to twelve
11 thousand (12,000) ADM:

12

13 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent
14 position;

15

16 (II) Four (4.0) FTE for
17 deputy/assistant superintendent positions;

18

19 (III) Twenty (20.0) FTE for
20 secretary/accounting positions prorated down to ten (10.)
21 FTE for four thousand (4,000) ADM;

22

1 (IV) Fifteen (15.0) FTE for computer
2 technician positions prorated down to five (5.0) FTE for
3 four thousand (4,000) ADM;

4

5 (V) Nine (9.0) FTE for
6 director/coordinator positions prorated down to three (3.0)
7 FTE for four thousand (4,000) ADM;

8

9 (VI) Two (2.0) FTE for network
10 supervisor positions prorated down to one (1.0) FTE for
11 four thousand (4,000) ADM;

12

13 (VII) Two (2.0) FTE for software
14 manager positions prorated down to one (1.0) FTE for four
15 thousand (4,000) ADM;

16

17 (VIII) Ten (10.0) FTE for other central
18 office professional positions prorated down to zero (0.0)
19 FTE for four thousand (4,000) ADM.

20

21 (F) For school districts with more than
22 twelve thousand (12,000) ADM:

23

1 (I) One (1.0) FTE for a superintendent
2 position;

3

4 (II) Four (4.0) FTE for
5 deputy/assistant superintendent positions;

6

10

11 (IV) Fifteen (15.0) FTE for computer
12 technician positions prorated up from twelve thousand
13 (12,000) ADM;

14

15 (V) Nine (9.0) FTE for
16 director/coordinator positions prorated up from twelve
17 thousand (12,000) ADM;

18

19 (VI) Two (2.0) FTE for network
20 supervisor positions prorated up from twelve thousand
21 (12,000) ADM;

22

1 (VII) Two (2.0) FTE for software

2 manager positions prorated up from twelve thousand (12,000)

3 ADM;

4

5 (VIII) Ten (10.0) FTE for other central

6 office professional positions prorated up from twelve

7 thousand (12,000) ADM.

8

9 (xxvii) Central office non-personnel resources.

10 Six hundred six dollars (\$606.00) per ADM;

11

12 (xxviii) School custodians. Resourced at the
13 highest prototypical school model prototype:

14

15 (A) For schools with more than fifty (50)
16 ADM, calculated using the average of the following four (4)
17 factors specified under subdivisions (I) through (IV) of
18 this subparagraph, plus an additional one-half (0.5) FTE
19 for middle or high schools:

20

21 (I) One (1.0) FTE for every thirteen
22 (13) FTE resourced under paragraphs (ii) through (v) of
23 this subsection;

1

2 (II) One (1.0) FTE for every three
3 hundred twenty-five (325) ADM;

4

5 (III) One (1.0) FTE for every thirteen
6 (13) classrooms;

7

8 (IV) One (1.0) FTE for every eighteen
9 thousand (18,000) square feet of authorized education
10 space, as determined by W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (G) .

11

12 (B) District custodians. One (1.0) FTE for
13 every eighteen thousand (18,000) square feet of authorized
14 education space, applied to ten percent (10%) of the total
15 authorized education space for all school buildings in the
16 district, as determined under W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (G) ;

17

18 (xxix) Maintenance workers. Resourced at the
19 highest prototypical school model prototype:

20

21 (A) A base FTE resourced using the average
22 of the four (4) factors specified under subdivisions (I)
23 through (IV) of this subparagraph, plus the additional

1 adjustments to the base FTE amount as provided in
2 subdivision (V) of this subparagraph:

3

4 (I) One and one-tenth (1.1) FTE per
5 school building;

6

7 (II) One (1.0) FTE for every sixty
8 thousand (60,000) square feet of authorized education
9 space, as determined under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(G),
10 multiplied by one and two-tenths (1.2);

11

12 (III) One (1.0) FTE for every one
13 thousand (1,000) ADM, multiplied by one and three-tenths
14 (1.3);

15

16 (IV) One (1.0) FTE for every five
17 million dollars (\$5,000,000) of the school district's
18 school year 2004-2005 general fund operating expenditures,
19 multiplied by one and two-tenths (1.2);

20

21 (V) The base FTE calculated under this
22 subparagraph for each school building shall be adjusted as
23 follows:

1

2 (1) A school level adjustment for
3 elementary schools equal to the product of the base FTE
4 multiplied by a factor of eight-tenths (0.8) less the base
5 FTE and for high schools equal to the product of the base
6 FTE multiplied by two (2) less the base FTE;

7

8 (2) A building age adjustment for
9 a school building that is less than ten (10) years old
10 equal to the product of the base FTE multiplied by a factor
11 of ninety-five hundredths (0.95) less the base FTE and for
12 a school building that is more than thirty (30) years old
13 equal to the product of the base FTE multiplied by a factor
14 of one and one-tenth (1.1) less the base FTE;

15

16 (3) A small district adjustment
17 for a school district with less than one thousand (1,000)
18 ADM equal to the base FTE plus the adjustments under
19 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subdivision, then
20 multiplied by a factor of one and one-tenth (1.1).

21

22 (xxx) Groundskeepers. In making calculations
23 under this subparagraph:

1

2 (A) For school land acreage containing more
3 than one (1) school building, the resources shall be
4 generated at the highest applicable prototypical school
5 model prototype using the total ADM of all schools on the
6 land acreage;

7

17

18 (C) A base groundskeeper FTE for each school
19 site shall be equal to the authorized acreage computed
20 under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph
21 multiplied by ninety-three (93) hours per acre divided by
22 two thousand eight (2,008) hours of work per year. The base
23 groundskeeper FTE shall be adjusted by a factor equal to

1 the base groundskeeper FTE multiplied by one and
2 five-tenths (1.5) for middle school sites and two and
3 five-tenths (2.5) for high school sites;

4

5 (D) Groundskeeper FTE positions for district
6 level sites shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the
7 school level groundskeeper FTE positions calculated under
8 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

9

10 (xxxi) Operations and maintenance supplies. The
11 authorized education space for each school building, as
12 determined under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(G), multiplied by one
13 dollar and two cents (\$1.02) per square foot and adjusted
14 by a factor of one and one-tenth (1.1);

15

16 (xxxii) Utilities. Actual school year 2024-2025
17 general fund expenditures by school district excluding
18 amounts reimbursed under W.S. 21-13-320 and 21-13-321
19 adjusted by the external cost adjustment in accordance with
20 W.S. 21-13-309(o). For additional buildings added or
21 removed from school district building inventories after
22 school year 2024-2025, one hundred percent (100%) of 2024-
23 2025 district average utility expenditures per gross square

1 foot for district school buildings multiplied by the
2 additional or decreased square footage;

3

4 (xxxiii) Salaries. The average salaries for the
5 positions specified in this subsection shall be as follows:

6

7 (A) Superintendents: one hundred sixty-four
8 thousand three hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$164,367.00);

9

10 (B) Deputy/assistant superintendents: one
11 hundred twenty-four thousand nine hundred ninety-four
12 dollars (\$124,994.00);

13

14 (C) Director/coordinates: one hundred
15 fifteen thousand nine hundred five dollars (\$115,905.00);

16

17 (D) Other central office professional
18 personnel: ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00);

19

20 (E) Network supervisor/software managers:
21 sixty-eight thousand five hundred sixteen dollars
22 (\$68,516.00);

23

1 (F) Computer technicians: sixty thousand
2 three hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$60,358.00);

3

6

7 (J) Assistant principals: one hundred eight
8 thousand nine hundred fifty-one dollars (\$108,951.00);

9

10 (M) Teachers: seventy thousand five hundred
11 sixty dollars (\$70,560.00);

12

13 (N) Secretary/accounting personnel: forty-
14 seven thousand four hundred thirty-two dollars
15 (\$47,432.00);

16

17 (O) Supervisory/library aides: twenty-nine
18 thousand four hundred thirty-four dollars (\$29,434.00);

19

20 (P) Maintenance workers: fifty-three
21 thousand seven hundred twenty-four dollars (\$53,724.00);

22

1 (Q) Groundskeepers/custodians: thirty-seven
2 thousand six hundred five dollars (\$37,605.00);

3

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11

12 (A) Multiplied by the external cost
13 adjustment adopted by the legislature pursuant to W.S. 21-
14 13-309(o) and in accordance with paragraph (xxxvii) of this
15 section;

16

17 (B) Multiplied by the lowest regional cost
18 adjustment determined in subsection(g) of this section for
19 the applicable school year to establish a baseline salary;

20

21 (C) The baseline salary for each position
22 computed in subparagraph (B) of this subsection shall be
23 further multiplied by each school district's rebased

1 regional cost adjustment determined in subsection(g) of
2 this section for the applicable school year to determine
3 the salary for each school district for each position.

4

5 (xxxv) Employer-paid payroll costs. Each salary
6 shall be multiplied by eight and forty-one hundredths
7 percent (8.41%), including:

8

9 (A) Social security at six and two-tenths
10 percent (6.2%);

11

12 (B) Medicare at one and forty-five
13 hundredths percent (1.45%);

14

15 (C) Workers' compensation at seven-tenths
16 percent (0.7%);

17

18 (D) Unemployment insurance at six-hundredths
19 percent (0.06%).

20

21 (xxxvi) Health insurance. For school year 2026-
22 2027 only, health insurance benefits computed under W.S.
23 21-13-309(m)(v)(F), multiplied by the total FTEs computed

1 under this subsection except for those FTEs computed under
2 paragraphs (vi) and (vii).

3

4 (xxxvii) External cost adjustment. The following
5 categories of model components shall be annually adjusted
6 by the external cost adjustment adopted by the legislature
7 pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(o):

8

9 (A) "Education materials category" includes
10 the following components:

11

12 (I) Instructional and library materials
13 component resourced under paragraph (xx) of this
14 subsection;

15

16 (II) Student activities component
17 resourced under paragraph (xxiii) of this subsection;

18

19 (III) Professional development
20 component resourced under paragraph (xxiv) of this
21 subsection;

22

1 (IV) Central office non-personnel

2 resources under paragraph (xxvii) of this subsection;

3

4 (V) Operations and maintenance supplies

5 resources under paragraph (xxxii) of this subsection.

6

7 (B) "Professional labor category" includes

8 salaries for superintendents, deputy and assistant

9 superintendents, directors and coordinators, other central

10 office professional personnel, network supervisors and

11 software managers, computer technicians, principals,

12 assistant principals, and teachers identified under

13 paragraph (xxxiii) of this subsection;

14

15 (C) "Nonprofessional labor category"

16 includes salaries for secretaries and accounting staff,

17 supervisory and library aides, groundskeepers and

18 custodians and maintenance workers identified under

19 paragraph (xxxiii) of this subsection;

20

21 (D) "Energy category" includes the utilities

22 component resourced under paragraph (xxxii) of this

23 subsection.

1

2 (d) Amounts resourced through the education resource
3 block grant model for FTE generated pursuant to paragraphs
4 (c)(ii) through (x) of this section shall only be expended
5 by a school district for instructional purposes and shall
6 not be expended or transferred for any other purpose.

7

8 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
9 amounts paid for a superintendent's salary by a school
10 district shall not exceed two and one-third percent (2
11 1/3%) of the average teacher salary, plus benefits, paid by
12 that district for the applicable school year.

13

14 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, co-
15 located schools shall be treated as a single school for
16 purposes of funding, staffing, and resource allocation
17 through the education resource block grant model. The ADM
18 for co-located schools shall be aggregated, and no
19 component of the education resource block grant or any
20 categorical allocation shall be calculated or distributed
21 on a separate or duplicative basis for co-located schools,
22 unless expressly authorized by statute.

23

(g) The salary for each staffing category shall be further adjusted for regional cost differences as measured by the hedonic wage index as computed in the 2025 cost of education study. For school year 2027-2028 and each year thereafter, the hedonic wage index shall be updated annually by the legislative service office until it is recalibrated in accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(t). Each salary under paragraph (e) (xxxii) of this section shall be adjusted by the lowest annual hedonic wage index to establish a baseline state average salary for each position in the education resource block grant model. The baseline state average salary shall be further adjusted by each school district's rebased hedonic wage index with a minimum of one hundred (100) index value,

15

16 21-13-339. Retirement; K-12 public school employees.

17

18 In addition to amounts resourced and computed by the
19 education resource block grant model and amounts reimbursed
20 under W.S. 21-13-320 21-13-321, the department of education
21 shall provide an amount for each school district for
22 retirement benefits equal to the percentage paid for state
23 employee members under W.S. 9-3-413 and 9-3-413.1 only for

1 those employees' salaries paid from amounts specified by
2 W.S. 21-13-309.1, 21-13-320 or 21-13-321. If a portion of
3 an employee's total salary is paid from funds other than
4 those amounts specified W.S. 21-13-309.1, 21-13-320 or 21-
5 13-321, only the proportional amount shall be subject to
6 reimbursement. The department shall promulgate rules
7 regarding the allowable employees eligible for
8 reimbursement under this section and any other necessary
9 information required to be collected from school districts
10 to reimburse the necessary amount for retirement benefits
11 under this section. The department may reimburse the amount
12 computed under this section to each school district in the
13 same schedule of distributions under W.S. 21-13-313(c).

14

15 **21-13-340. State employees' and officials' group**
16 **insurance reimbursements for K-12 public school employees.**

17

18 (a) Commencing school year 2027-2028, in addition to
19 amounts resourced by the education resource block grant
20 model and reimbursed under W.S. 21-13-320 and 21-13-321,
21 each school district shall receive from the department of
22 education a monthly amount equal to the employer
23 contribution established by the department of

1 administration and information for school district
2 employees enrolled in the state employees' and officials'
3 group insurance plan pursuant to W.S. 9-3-210 only for
4 those employees hired from amounts specified by W.S. 21-13-
5 309.1, 21-13-320 or 21-13-321. If a portion of an
6 employee's total salary is paid from funds other than those
7 amounts specified W.S. 21-13-309.1, 21-13-320 or 21-13-321,
8 a proportional amount for employer contribution shall be
9 subject to reimbursement. Each school district shall remit
10 to the department of administration and information the
11 applicable monthly premium for each covered employee or
12 official. The department shall promulgate rules regarding
13 the allowable employees eligible for reimbursement under
14 this section and any other necessary information required
15 to be collected from school districts to reimburse the
16 necessary amount for the employer contribution under this
17 section. The department may reimburse the amount computed
18 under this section to each school district in the same
19 schedule of distributions under W.S. 21-13-313(c).

20

21 (b) Commencing school year 2027-2028, each school
22 district shall participate in the state employees' and

1 officials' group insurance plan in accordance with W.S. 9-
2 3-201 et seq.

3

4 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-3-413.1(a)(v), 16-4-105(b), 21-2-
5 204(b), 21-3-314(c)(i) and (vi), 21-9-101(d), 21-13-
6 101(a)(xiv), (xvi)(A)(II) through (IV) and (c), 21-13-
7 102(e), 21-13-307 by creating new subsection (c), 21-13-
8 309(m) (iv)(intro), (A), (v)(intro), (B)(intro), (IV),
9 (G)(I) and (II), (vi)(C), (o), (u), 21-13-310(a) by
10 creating new paragraph (xv), and renumbering (xv) as (xvi),
11 21-13-313(b), (c), (e) and (g), 21-13-320(b), (f),
12 (g)(intro), (v)(intro), (A), (vi), (m), 21-13-321(b) and
13 (d), 21-13-338(a), (c)(intro), (ii) and (iii) and (e), 21-
14 13-504(a) and by creating new paragraph (b) and 21-15-
15 109(f) are amended to read:

16

17 **9-3-413.1. Members' and employers' contributions**
18 **based on actuarially determined contribution rates;**
19 **calculation of rates; reports.**

20

21 (a) Beginning with the 2027-2028 fiscal biennium, the
22 retirement system shall calculate the percentage of salary
23 for members' contributions required under W.S. 9-3-412(a)

1 and for the employers' contribution required under W.S. 9-
2 3-413 based on an actuarially determined contribution rate
3 in accordance with the following:

4

5 (v) After calculation of the actuarially
6 determined contribution rate under paragraph (ii) of this
7 subsection, the state budget department and the retirement
8 system shall calculate necessary amounts to account for any
9 changes in the appropriations necessary to fund the
10 contributions for the public employee retirement plan and
11 shall include those amounts in the budget prepared under
12 W.S. 9-2-1010 through 9-2-1014, including changes in
13 amounts for school districts necessary to account for the
14 employer's share of the actuarially determined contribution
15 rate in accordance with this section for benefits paid ~~from~~
16 ~~the education resource block grant model defined in W.S.~~
17 ~~21-13-101(a)(xiv) and as enumerated in Attachment~~
18 ~~A(b)(xxxviii), as defined in W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii) in~~
19 accordance with W.S. 21-13-339;

20

21 **16-4-105. Accumulated retained earnings or fund**
22 **surplus; capital improvements reserve.**

23

18
19 21-2-204. Wyoming Accountability in Education Act;
20 statewide education accountability system created

1 education in accordance with this section, which implements
2 the components of the education resource block grant model
3 as defined by W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv) and as contained in
4 Attachment "A" as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii)
5 21-13-309.1. The first phase of this system shall be a
6 school-based system that is based on student performance as
7 determined through multiple measures of school performance.
8 The goals of the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act
9 are to:

10

11 **21-3-314. Students counted among district ADM;**
12 **determination of charter school funding.**

13

14 (c) The charter school shall be entitled to the
15 following amounts:

16

17 (i) Except as provided in paragraph (vi) of this
18 subsection, one hundred percent (100%) of the foundation
19 program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(m) based upon
20 the average daily membership of the charter school, less
21 amounts generated by the charter school's membership under
22 paragraph (b)(xxix) of "Attachment A" as defined in W.S.
23 21-13-101(a)(xvii) W.S. 21-13-309.1(c)(xxiii) and (xxvi)

1 and less amounts specified under W.S. 21-13-
2 309(m) (v) (E) (III) through (V);

3

4 (vi) A percentage amount calculated by dividing
5 the charter school's average daily membership by the total
6 average daily membership of the charter school's respective
7 school district multiplied by the amounts generated from
8 the foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-
9 309(m) and paragraph (b) (xxix) of "Attachment A" as defined
10 in W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii) W.S. 21-13-309.1(c)(xxiii) and
11 (xxvi).

12

13 **21-9-101. Educational programs for schools;**
14 **standards; core of knowledge and skills; special needs**
15 **programs; class size requirements; cocurricular activities.**

16

17 (d) In addition to subsections (b) and (c) of this
18 section, each school district within this state shall
19 endeavor to maintain when practicable, in kindergarten
20 through grade three (3) within the district, an average
21 class size of no more than sixteen (16) fifteen (15)
22 students per teacher, excluding children with disabilities

1 who spend more than fifty percent (50%) of their time
2 outside of regular classroom instruction.

3

4 **21-13-101. Definitions.**

5

6 (a) As used in this chapter:

7

8 (xiv) "Education resource block grant model"
9 means the block grant model for Wyoming school finance
10 contained within the enumeration of model components
11 summarizing and executing ~~recommendations within~~ the 2010
12 2025 cost of education study as modified by the legislature
13 and as ~~referenced in paragraph (xvii) of this subsection~~
14 contained in W.S. 21-13-309.1. "Education resource block
15 grant model" or "model" includes model spreadsheets updated
16 with technical corrections, all of which are enacted into
17 law, on file with the secretary of state and are maintained
18 and made available for public inspection by the state
19 superintendent under W.S. 21-2-202(e), and as may be
20 subsequently modified by the legislature prior to future
21 model recalibration required under W.S. 21-13-309(t);

22

1 (xvi) "Prototypical school model" means a school
2 level, comprised of cost, resource and enrollment
3 parameters, as described within the education resource
4 block grant model. The separate school levels identified
5 with the model are as follows:

6

10

11 (II) ~~Ninety-six~~ (96) One hundred ten

12 (110) ADM;

13

14 (III) ~~One hundred ninety-two (192)~~ Two

15 hundred twenty (220) ADM; and

16

17 (IV) Two hundred eighty-eight (288)
18 Three hundred thirty (330) ADM.

19

20 (c) The education resource block grant model as
21 defined under paragraph (a)(xiv) of this section and as
22 included in "Attachment A" referenced in paragraph
23 (a)(xvii) of this section contained in W.S. 21-13-309.1 and

1 operationalized through the model spreadsheets, as each are
2 enacted into law, and including any technical correction
3 which may be implemented by rule and regulation of the
4 state superintendent under W.S. 21-2-202(e), shall be filed
5 with the secretary of state.

6

7 **21-13-102. Maximum rate of school district tax;**
8 **recapture of excess; equalization of permissive levies.**

9

10 (e) Annually on or before August 15September 1 the
11 department shall notify each district subject to recapture
12 of the estimated amount due to the state during the current
13 fiscal year, using data from the previous school year. Upon
14 receipt of the state assessed values by school districts,
15 and not later than March 1May 31 of the current fiscal
16 year, the department shall certify to each district subject
17 to recapture the amount of recapture for the fiscal year to
18 be remitted to the state. The amount certified shall
19 supersede the estimates certified on or before August 15
20 September 1. If a district can demonstrate financial
21 inability to make payments to the state as provided in
22 subsection (b) of this section, the superintendent of
23 public instruction may adjust the schedule of payments

1 provided by subsection (b) of this section if the financial
2 integrity of the foundation program will not be
3 jeopardized.

4

5 **21-13-307. Eligibility to share in distribution of**
6 **money from foundation account; mandatory financial**
7 **reporting; prohibition of spending foundation program funds**
8 **on capital construction.**

9

10 (c) In no event shall any school district transfer or
11 expend any foundation program amounts, defined under W.S.
12 21-13-101(a)(v), including but not limited to revenues
13 collected under W.S. 21-13-310 and amounts paid to the
14 school district for the purpose of funding operational
15 expenses under this chapter, for major building and
16 facility repair or replacement, defined under W.S.
17 21-15-109(a)(iii), or for a project, defined under W.S.
18 21-15-111(a)(iv), for any educational building, office
19 building, portable building, teacherage or warehouse
20 building, defined under W.S. 21-15-109(a).

21

22 **21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in**
23 **foundation program for each district.**

1

5

6 (iv) Based upon reports from each district on
7 schools operating within that district for the current
8 school year and on grade configurations contained within
9 each reported school during that school year, compute the
10 average daily membership (ADM) for each reported school and
11 each grade within each reported school: in accordance with
12 identified grade configurations subject to the following:

13

14 (A) If the district's average ADM for the
15 three (3) immediately preceding school years is greater
16 than the district's ADM from the previous school year, each
17 reported school shall be computed based upon the average of
18 the school's ADM counts completed at the end of the three
19 (3) immediately preceding school years, otherwise each
20 reported school within the district shall be computed Based
21 on the school's ADM for the previous immediately preceding
22 school year;

23

1 (v) Based upon ADM computations and identified
2 school configurations within each district pursuant to
3 paragraph (iv) of this subsection, compute the foundation
4 program amount for each district as prescribed by the
5 education resource block grant model adopted by the Wyoming
6 legislature as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as
7 contained within the spreadsheets and accompanying reports
8 referenced under W.S. ~~21-13-101(a)(xvii)~~ 21-13-101(a)(xiv).
9 The following criteria shall be used by the state
10 superintendent in the administration of the education
11 resource block grant model:

13 (B) Alternative schools qualifying for
14 ~~separate consideration under the education resource block~~
15 ~~grant model~~ may be established by a school district for
16 offering educational programs to students with educational
17 needs which the district finds are not appropriately met by
18 other schools in the district, excluding charter schools
19 established under W.S. 21-3-301 through 21-3-314.
20 Alternative schools included within a district's
21 configuration of schools identified under paragraph (iv) of
22 this subsection shall for purposes of the education
23 resource block grant model be approved by the state

1 superintendent as an alternative school, subject to the
2 following:

3

4 (IV) ~~Except as otherwise provided in~~
5 ~~subdivision (V) of this subparagraph, on and after July 1,~~
6 ~~2014, and if not qualifying under subdivision (I) of this~~
7 ~~subparagraph, Be approved by the state superintendent~~
8 subject to the following:

9

10 (G) Amounts within the education resource
11 block grant model for maintenance and operations shall be
12 based upon the lesser of the actual educational gross
13 square footage of school buildings and facilities or the
14 education space prescribed by statewide adequacy standards
15 under W.S. 21-15-115 subject to the following:

16

17 (I) Actual square footage of school
18 buildings and facilities shall be separated into education
19 ~~and noneducation~~ space categories by school and by
20 district, including leased square footage but excluding
21 square footage not used for delivering the required
22 educational program and the square footage of any building

1 or facility closed and not operational as provided under
2 W.S. 21-15-109(c) (iv);

3

4 (II) Actual gross square footage of
5 education space shall be the gross square footage
6 prescribed by statewide building adequacy standards
7 promulgated pursuant to W.S. 21-15-115. ~~Except as otherwise~~
8 ~~provided in this subdivision, Education space capacity in~~
9 excess of one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the
10 standard space level shall not be included in actual gross
11 square footage computations under this subdivision. ~~For~~
12 ~~school year 2025-2026, education space capacity in excess~~
13 ~~of one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the standard~~
14 ~~space level shall not be included in actual gross square~~
15 ~~footage computations under this subdivision;~~

16

17 (vi) Except for charter schools established
18 under W.S. 21-3-301 through 21-3-314 and alternative
19 schools approved under subdivision (v) (B) (IV) of this
20 subsection, any alteration of the configuration of grades
21 within a district, school or school facility which differs
22 from the configuration of grades during the immediately
23 preceding school year as reported under paragraph (iv) of

1 this subsection shall be considered a reconfiguration and
2 shall be documented by the district and reported to the
3 state superintendent and the director of the state
4 construction department. Following review and evaluation,
5 the state superintendent and the director of the state
6 construction department shall, each acting independently,
7 approve or deny the reconfiguration for purposes of
8 application to the education resource block grant model and
9 the determination of school facility needs and remedies.

10 The following shall apply:

11

12 (C) ~~Effective for the school year~~
13 ~~commencing after July 1, 2012, and each school year~~
14 ~~thereafter,~~ No reconfiguration of grades within any
15 district, school or facility shall differ from the previous
16 school year such that more than one (1) school is included
17 within any one (1) school facility to be reported under
18 paragraph (iv) of this subsection for purposes of
19 determining the foundation program amount for that
20 district;

21

22 (o) To the extent specifically provided by the
23 legislature, and between periods of model recalibration

1 required under subsection (t) of this section, the amount
2 computed for each district under subsection (m) of this
3 section shall be adjusted to provide for the effects of
4 inflation, excluding those amounts specified under
5 subparagraphs (m) (v) (E) and (F) of this section, the
6 technology and equipment component as specified in W.S. 21-
7 13-309.1(c) (xxi), the gifted and talented students
8 component as specified in W.S. 21-13-309.1(c) (xxii) and the
9 short cycle and formative assessment componentcontained in
10 paragraph (b) (xxviii) of "Attachment A" as referenced as
11 specified in W.S. 21-13-101(a) (xvii) W.S.
12 21-13-309.1(c) (xxv). The adjustment under this subsection
13 shall not be applied until the expiration of the school
14 year immediately following the first school year of
15 application of the recalibrated model, and shall be
16 adjusted on a cumulative basis each school year thereafter
17 and until the first school year of application of a
18 subsequent model recalibration. Following analysis of
19 information reported under subsection (u) of this section,
20 the joint appropriations interim committee shall submit a
21 recommendation to the legislature and the governor not
22 later than November 1 of each applicable year on an
23 external cost adjustment for purposes of this subsection.

1

(u) To ensure model components specified under the education resource block grant model defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as enumerated and enacted by the legislature and ~~in "Attachment A" referenced in W.S.~~ ~~21-13-101(a)(xvii) as specified by W.S. 21-13-309.1~~, remain resourced at cost-based levels between periods of model recalibration required under subsection (t) of this section, and prior to adjustment for the effects of inflation for any school year under subsection (o) of this section, the joint education interim committee shall annually receive and review reports in accordance with this subsection and report to the joint appropriations ~~interim~~ committee as required by this subsection. The legislative service office shall assemble information necessary to develop a model monitoring process and other reports for the committee using data maintained by the department of education and other state agencies. For this purpose, the department shall annually update and compile information, in a format contained within reports provided during ~~2010~~ ~~2025~~ model recalibration, reported at the model component level, on school district allocation of model resources, as well as other information provided for purposes of

1 developing and completing the ~~2010-2025~~ cost of education
2 studies. Each year excluding the first school year of
3 application of any model recalibration performed under
4 subsection (t) of this section, the information and
5 analysis assembled by the legislative service office under
6 this subsection shall be reported to the joint education
7 interim committee in sufficient time to allow committee
8 review of and deliberation on the report and the submission
9 of recommendations to the joint appropriations ~~interim~~
10 committee by October 15 of the applicable school year.
11 Report recommendations shall be used by the joint
12 appropriations ~~interim~~-committee in its determination of
13 legislative recommendation on model adjustment under
14 subsection (o) of this section.

15

16 **21-13-310. Annual computation of district revenues.**

17

18 (a) To ensure revenues available to each district are
19 uniformly sufficient to enable compliance with the uniform
20 standards for educational programs prescribed under W.S.
21 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and to secure state board
22 accreditation of educational programs under W.S. 21-2-
23 304(a)(ii), the revenues specified under this subsection

1 shall be deemed state revenues and shall be considered in
2 determining the amount to be distributed to each district
3 under W.S. 21-13-311. A district shall make an annual
4 computation of the following revenues:

5

6 (xv) The amount of realized investment earning
7 received on school district investments;

8

9 (xv) — (xvi) All other revenues received or
10 collected by the district during the previous school year,
11 but excluding any amount received from private
12 contributions and gifts, excluding any revenues dedicated
13 by law to the payment of bonded indebtedness, and any
14 revenues from the disposition of school buildings and land
15 pursuant to W.S. 21-15-123(f)(vi), and excluding fees or
16 other charges imposed by the district for goods or
17 services, such as rental fees and the price paid for
18 admission into any place for recreation, entertainment or
19 an athletic event. Upon application of a district, the
20 department shall exclude from this paragraph revenue
21 received by the district if the department finds that the
22 revenue could not be used by the district to provide
23 educational services to students.

1

2 **21-13-313. Distribution of funds from foundation**
3 **account; property tax and cash reserve adjustment;**
4 **regulations.**

5

6 (b) The state superintendent shall determine on or
7 before August 1 September 1 of each year the tentative
8 allotment of foundation funds to which each district is
9 entitled under this article. In making this determination,
10 the state superintendent may, if current fiscal information
11 required by law to compute the tentative allotment is not
12 available for any district, by August 1 of that year, use
13 fiscal information available to the state superintendent
14 from the foundation program computations of the previous
15 school year for that district. The previous year's fiscal
16 information shall be adjusted to reflect current fiscal
17 changes and other information known by or available to the
18 state superintendent. Upon receiving actual fiscal
19 information from a district, the state superintendent shall
20 accordingly adjust future foundation program determinations
21 for that district such that foundation program payments
22 appropriately reflect current fiscal information for the
23 applicable school year.

1

2 (e) Not later than January 31 of each fiscal year,
3 and except where a different percentage is otherwise
4 specified in this subsection, the department shall compute
5 the amount by which each district's operating balance and
6 cash reserves at the end of the preceding fiscal year
7 exceed fifteen percent (15%) twenty percent (20%) of the
8 total foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-
9 309 for the preceding fiscal year. In making this
10 calculation, the entire operating balance and cash reserves
11 for each district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997,
12 as computed by the department, shall be separately
13 accounted for and excluded, until it has been completely
14 expended by the district. Revenues from settlements of
15 protested amounts attributable to levies assessed under
16 W.S. 21-13-102(a)(i)(A) and (ii)(A) and 21-13-201,
17 regardless of the assessment year, shall be accounted for
18 and excluded from the calculation under this subsection for
19 a period of not more than one (1) year following that
20 fiscal year in which the revenue was received by a
21 district, as verified in writing by the district and
22 certified by the county treasurer. Except as otherwise
23 provided in 1997 Special Session Laws, chapter 3, section

1 ~~306(e), as amended, and except~~ as excluded under this
2 subsection, that excess shall be deemed to be a state
3 revenue under W.S. 21-13-310(a) for the purpose of
4 determining distributions under W.S. 21-13-311 and amounts
5 to be rebated under W.S. 21-13-102. The department shall
6 promulgate rules, including reporting requirements and
7 procedures for districts, to implement this subsection. As
8 used in this section, "operating balance and cash reserves"
9 means those financial resources of the district which are
10 not encumbered by the district board of trustees for
11 expenditure to meet an existing legal obligation or
12 otherwise restricted by law or regulation for expenditure
13 on specific educational programs. For purposes of this
14 subsection, any balance within a district's separate
15 account established under W.S. 21-15-109(e) for major
16 building and facility repair and replacement shall be
17 deemed restricted by law for expenditure as provided by
18 W.S. 21-15-109(e) and shall not be considered an operating
19 balance and cash reserve under this section. For the fiscal
20 year ending June 30, 2022 through the fiscal year ending
21 June 30, 2028, the department shall compute the amount by
22 which each district's operating balance and cash reserves
23 at the end of the preceding fiscal year exceed thirty

1 percent (30%) of the total foundation program amount
2 computed under W.S. 21-13-309 for the preceding fiscal
3 year. ~~During this period, the amount of a district's~~
~~operating balance and cash reserves that may be increased~~
~~from fifteen percent (15%) to thirty percent (30%) of the~~
~~total foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-~~
~~309 for the preceding fiscal year shall be accounted for~~
~~and reported separately and shall not be transferred or~~
~~expended for purposes of capital construction. For purposes~~
~~of this subsection, "capital construction" does not include~~
~~major building and facility repair and replacement as~~
~~defined under W.S. 21-15-109(a)(iii).~~

13

14 (g) In addition to subsections (b) and (c) of this
15 section, the state superintendent shall, for any district
16 subject to W.S. 21-13-102(b) as determined by the
17 department for any school year, or for any district not
18 subject to W.S. 21-13-102(b) whose entitlement amount
19 determined under W.S. 21-13-311(a) for any school year is
20 equal to or less than twenty percent (20%) of the
21 foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(p),
22 and upon demonstration by the district of financial need as
23 documented by cash flow analysis, provide payments from the

1 public school foundation program account in an amount not
2 to exceed one-fifth (1/5) of the foundation program amount
3 computed for that district for that school year in
4 accordance with W.S. 21-13-309. The computed amount shall
5 be paid to each eligible district on or ~~before September 1~~
6 after July 1 based upon tentative computations under W.S.
7 21-13-309, for which the department may use fiscal
8 information available from foundation program computations
9 for the previous school year in the manner provided under
10 subsection (b) of this section. Any district receiving a
11 payment under this subsection shall repay the public school
12 foundation program account not later than ~~December 15~~June
13 15 of that school year.

14

15 **21-13-320. Student transportation; amount within**
16 **school foundation program formula for transportation**
17 **maintenance and operations expenditures and school bus**
18 **purchases; district reporting requirements.**

19

20 (b) There shall be an amount computed for each school
21 district equal to ~~the base price amount for bus purchase~~
22 ~~and lease payment expenditures made by the district during~~
23 ~~the previous school year pursuant to subsection (g) of this~~

1 ~~section and for~~ the amount actually expended by the
2 district during the previous school year for:

3

4 (f) The department of education shall adopt necessary
5 rules and regulations to implement and enforce state
6 standards established under this section and to administer
7 this section. District expenditures computed under
8 subsection (b) of this section shall not include
9 expenditures for ~~employee~~ contributions to the Wyoming
10 retirement system exceeding the amount specified in ~~W.S. 9-~~
11 ~~3-413.1(b)(iii) W.S. 21-13-339~~ of any member employee's
12 salary. Beginning school year 2027-2028, district
13 expenditures computed under subsection (b) of this section
14 shall not include expenditures for employer contributions
15 to the state group insurance plan specified in W.S. 21-13-
16 340. In addition, the department shall, in accordance with
17 procedures prescribed by department rule~~and regulation~~,
18 establish a base price for each school bus type or other
19 student transportation vehicle type for the applicable
20 fiscal period that complies with minimum state standards
21 for vehicle specifications and equipment. The department
22 shall also establish a process including competitive
23 bidding which guarantees the acquisition of school buses

1 and other student transportation vehicles approved for
2 reimbursement and complying with state minimum standards
3 and district fleet size restrictions at the established
4 base price for the applicable fiscal year. Department rules
5 shall establish appropriate restrictions on how and under
6 which conditions a school district may procure a school bus
7 or other student transportation vehicle, ~~either through~~
8 purchase or lease, to ensure that the procurement method
9 used is the most cost effective. School districts shall
10 notify the department of school bus and other student
11 transportation vehicle needs and requirements for the
12 appropriate fiscal year in the manner and within the times
13 prescribed by department rule ~~and regulation~~, and shall
14 report expenditures, and purchases ~~and lease arrangements~~
15 for the applicable reporting period, including vehicles
16 replaced by purchases ~~and leases~~, as required by
17 department rule ~~and regulation~~. The department shall
18 annually review and conduct audits as necessary of
19 information submitted under this section. As authorized
20 under W.S. 21-13-307(b), the department may correct the
21 information reported by districts under this section as
22 necessary to fairly and accurately reflect the data type,
23 classification and format required to administer this

1 section in accordance with law and department rules and
2 regulations.

3

4 (g) In addition to amounts provided pursuant to
5 subsection (b) of this section, ~~and for purchases and~~
6 ~~leases conducted~~ in a manner consistent with department
7 rules, the ~~transportation adjustment for each district~~
8 ~~under this section shall include department shall reimburse~~
9 ~~each school district an for the amount computed under this~~
10 ~~subsection expended~~ for the purchase ~~or lease~~ of school
11 buses and other vehicles used primarily for the
12 transportation of students to and from school and to and
13 from school activities. ~~Computations of A~~mounts reimbursed
14 under this subsection shall be based upon the base price
15 established by the department under subsection (f) of this
16 section for the student transportation vehicle type.
17 ~~Amounts included within the adjustment under this~~
18 ~~subsection and~~ shall be subject to the following:

19

20 (v) ~~The adjustment Reimbursement~~ for the
21 purchase ~~or lease~~ of buses and other student transportation
22 vehicles authorized under this subsection shall be paid by
23 the department not later than three months in which the

1 school district expends the funds for the purchase and
2 shall be in an amount equal to:

3

4 (A) ~~One-fifth (1/5) of~~ The base price
5 established under subsection (f) of this section for each
6 ~~purchased~~ school bus or other ~~purchased~~ student
7 transportation vehicle ~~for which reimbursement is~~
8 ~~authorized and which is made purchased~~ by the district;
9 ~~during the preceding five (5) years;~~

10

11 (vi) ~~Amounts included within the adjustment for~~
12 School bus purchases ~~or leases~~ that are fully or partially
13 paid for or rebated under the Diesel Emissions Reduction
14 Act, 42 U.S.C. § 16131 et seq., or other similar program,
15 shall be made in accordance with department rule and
16 regulation.

17

18 (m) No district shall purchase ~~or lease~~ a school bus
19 unless it first demonstrates to the department and the
20 department determines that the school district has in good
21 faith attempted to purchase ~~or lease~~ a bus that will be
22 fully or partially paid for or rebated under the Diesel

1 Emissions Reduction Act, 42 U.S.C. 16131 et seq., or other
2 similar program.

3

4 **21-13-321. Special education; amount provided for**
5 **special education programs and services; reimbursement for**
6 **out-of-district placements; district reporting**
7 **requirements; billing for Medicaid authorized school based**
8 **services.**

9

10 (b) Except for expenditures for out-of-district
11 special education placements, the amount provided to a
12 school district for special education shall be equal to one
13 hundred percent (100%) of the amount actually expended by
14 the district during the previous school year for special
15 education programs and services, which shall include the
16 amount actually expended by the district during the
17 previous school year for reasonable administrative costs to
18 bill for authorized Medicaid services under subsection (h)
19 of this section. Amounts awarded under this section shall
20 be in addition to and shall not be considered in
21 determining the school foundation program amount under the
22 education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-
23 13-309. Except for expenditures for out-of-district special

1 education placements, the department of education shall
2 distribute the amount computed under this section to each
3 school district in the same proportion and schedule of
4 distributions under W.S. 21-13-313(c). Expenditures by a
5 district for out-of-district special education placements
6 shall be reimbursed in the year in which the costs are
7 incurred and shall be distributed to each school district
8 on a quarterly basis in accordance with rule adopted by the
9 department of education.

10

11 (d) The department of education shall adopt necessary
12 rules and regulations to implement and administer this
13 section. Districts shall report special education program
14 expenditures for the applicable reporting period as
15 required by department rule and regulation. District
16 expenditures computed under subsection (b) of this section
17 shall not include expenditures for ~~employee~~ contributions
18 to the Wyoming retirement system ~~exceeding the amount~~
19 specified in ~~W.S. 9-3-413.1(b)(iii)~~ W.S. 21-13-339 of any
20 member employee's salary. Beginning school year 2027-2028,
21 district expenditures computed under subsection (b) of this
22 section shall not include expenditures for employer
23 contributions to the state group insurance plan specified

1 in W.S. 21-13-340. The department shall annually review and
2 report to the joint education interim committee regarding
3 services provided to special education students by school
4 districts. In addition, the department shall when
5 necessary, conduct audits of information submitted by
6 districts under this section and may, in accordance with
7 W.S. 21-13-307(b), correct the information reported by
8 districts as necessary to fairly and accurately reflect the
9 data type, classification and format required to administer
10 this section in accordance with law and department rule and
11 regulation.

12

13 **21-13-338. Career and technical education supplies,**
14 **materials, equipment and repair of equipment; criteria;**
15 **limitations.**

16

17 (a) Commencing with school year 2025-2026, to augment
18 amounts within the education resource block grant model
19 available to districts for career and technical education
20 programs, the department of education shall distribute
21 career and technical education supplies, materials, equipment,
22 and repair of equipment funding in accordance
23 with this section.

1

2 (c) Amounts distributed to each school district for
3 career and technical education supplies, materials, l
4 equipment and repair of equipment funding under this
5 section shall be calculated as follows:

6

14

22

1 (e) Each district shall report to the department on
2 the expenditure of amounts distributed under this section
3 and shall provide other information as required by rule of
4 the department. Amounts distributed under this section
5 shall only be expended on supplies, materials, equipment
6 and repair of equipment for career and technical education
7 programs.

8

9 **21-13-504. Special reserve fund.**

10

11 (a) Except as prohibited under subsection (b) of this
12 section, the board of trustees of each Wyoming school
13 district may create a special reserve fund of a specified
14 amount, for the purpose of purchasing or replacing
15 specified equipment or a depreciation reserve for equipment
16 and school building repair. The board may annually include
17 in its budget for the ensuing fiscal year, the amount so
18 designated, as a special fund, expendable only for the
19 purposes stated and segregated as such, from general and
20 other special school funds, disbursements therefrom to be
21 made from time to time by the school clerk's warrants drawn
22 against said special fund, as duly ordered by said board;
23 provided, that said amount so specially budgeted for any

1 fiscal year shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total
2 amount budgeted for the same year; and further provided,
3 that any difference in the amount so specially budgeted for
4 any such year and the amount expended from said fund during
5 such year, may be retained in and carried over as a part of
6 the special reserve fund.

7

8 **(b) In no event shall any funds generated by the**
9 **school foundation program, defined by W.S. 21-13-101(a)(v),**
10 **that are transferred to a special reserve fund be expended**
11 **by the board of trustees of a school district for major**
12 **building and facility repair or replacement, defined under**
13 **W.S. 21-15-109(a)(iii), or for a project, defined under**
14 **W.S. 21-15-111(a)(iv), for any educational building, office**
15 **building, portable building, teacherage or warehouse**
16 **building, defined under W.S. 21-15-109(a).**

17

18 **21-15-109. Major building and facility repair and**
19 **replacement payments; computation; square footage**
20 **allowance; use of payment funds; accounting and reporting**
21 **requirements.**

22

1 (f) Notwithstanding subsection (e) of this section, a
2 district may expend up to ten percent (10%) of the amount
3 distributed during any school year under subsection (b) of
4 this section for major building and facility repair and
5 replacement needs of the district which are not specified
6 in the district's facility plan, ~~including~~excluding
7 expenditures for maintenance of district enhancements. In
8 ~~no event shall funds distributed under this section be~~
9 ~~expended by districts on maintenance of district~~
10 ~~enhancements.~~ Expenditures shall be made under this
11 subsection only after the district's building and facility
12 repair and replacement needs specified in its facility plan
13 have been addressed in accordance with subsection (e) of
14 this section and the department has approved the district's
15 proposed expenditures under this subsection. Amounts not
16 expended for purposes of this subsection during any school
17 year may be accumulated by a district and earmarked within
18 the separate account established under subsection (e) of
19 this section for expenditure under this subsection in
20 subsequent school years, provided the unexpended amount
21 during any school year to be accumulated does not exceed
22 ten percent (10%) of the amount distributed to the district
23 under subsection (b) of this section for that school year.

1 Each district shall include expenditures under this
2 subsection and any amounts accumulated from year-to-year
3 under this subsection within the annual report required
4 under subsection (e) of this section. Nothing in this
5 subsection shall prohibit or limit the application of
6 subparagraph (c)(i)(D) of this section in computing a
7 district's building and facility gross square footage for
8 purposes of determining payment amounts under this section.
9 If any school district exceeds expenditure limitations
10 prescribed by this subsection or fails to comply with
11 expenditure levels for facility adequacy needs identified
12 within its facility plan, the payments for that district in
13 the immediately succeeding year shall be reduced by the
14 excess expenditure amount including any excess expenditure
15 of amounts accumulated under this subsection.

16

17 **Section 3.** Effective July 1, 2027, W.S. 9-3-201(a),
18 (c) through (e), 9-3-203(a)(iv), 9-3-205(a)(xvi), 9-3-
19 207(a) and (b), 9-3-201(a), (e) and (f), 9-3-211(a), 9-3-
20 217(a) and (b) and 21-13-309(o) are amended to read:

21

22 **9-3-201. Group prepaid plans authorized; agreements**
23 **with insurance companies authorized; limitation on**

1 **authorized plans and companies; payroll deductions; self-**
2 **insurance programs; school district and boards of**
3 **cooperative services participation.**

4

5 (a) Expect as otherwise specified in this subsection,
6 the state of Wyoming and its political subdivisions and
7 school districts may obtain group prepaid plans or
8 insurance for life, health, accident or hospitalization for
9 their employees and for elected officials, except for
10 members of the legislature, and enter into agreements with
11 prepaid plans or insurance companies to provide this
12 coverage. Each school district and board of cooperative
13 educational services shall provide insurance coverage for
14 school district or board of cooperative educational
15 services its employees meeting the definition of employee
16 under W.S. 9-3-203(a)(iv), shall, if elected by the
17 district or board under subsection (e) of this section, be
18 provided through the state employees' and officials' group
19 insurance plan in accordance with W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-
20 218. Insurance coverage for retired school district or
21 board of cooperative educational services employees shall,
22 if elected by the board or district under subsection (e) of
23 this section and if the retired employee was who were

1 continuously covered under the board's or district's
2 insurance plan prior to ~~the election~~ July 1, 2027, ~~shall~~ be
3 provided through the state employees' and officials' group
4 insurance plan in accordance with W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-
5 218. ~~If a school district or board of cooperative~~
6 ~~educational services elects to cease participation in the~~
7 ~~group insurance plan pursuant to subsection (f) of this~~
8 ~~section, the election shall apply to retired employees of~~
9 ~~that board or district who are receiving coverage under~~
10 ~~this subsection.~~

11

12 (c) Upon a request in writing from any employee of
13 the state of Wyoming, any covered political subdivision
14 thereof or ~~a participating~~ school district, the state
15 auditor or the proper officer in any political subdivision
16 or school district may deduct from the wages of the
17 employee the amount of the premium which the employee has
18 agreed to pay for the prepaid plans or insurance, and to
19 pay or remit the payment directly to the prepaid plan or
20 insurance company issuing the group plan or insurance.

21

22 (d) The state and any political subdivision are
23 authorized to utilize a self-insurance program, provided

1 that a defined plan with proper funding is first adopted
2 and the cost of the plan is included in the annual budget
3 and provided the self-insurance program includes any
4 coverage mandated by Wyoming insurance law. Any self-
5 insurance program, including the Wyoming state employees'
6 and officials' group insurance plan, adopted pursuant to
7 this section shall be within the jurisdiction of the
8 insurance commissioner under the provisions of title 26,
9 Wyoming statutes. This subsection shall not be construed to
10 authorize a school district or board of cooperative
11 educational services to provide insurance coverage for
12 employees outside the state employees' and officials' group
13 insurance plan.

14

15 (e) Each school district or board of cooperative
16 educational services ~~may elect to~~ shall participate in the
17 state employees' and officials' group insurance plan by
18 filing notification of election with the department of
19 administration and information on a form and in a manner as
20 prescribed by the department. Participation in the plan
21 ~~for any electing board or district~~ by all boards and
22 districts shall commence ~~not less than one hundred twenty~~
23 ~~(120)~~ days following the date on which the board or

1 ~~district filed notification under this subsection July 1,~~
2 ~~2027~~ and shall be identical to plans and coverage provided
3 other enrollees under this act. ~~The department shall~~
4 ~~notify the electing board or district of the date on which~~
5 ~~the board or district is eligible to participate in the~~
6 ~~state group insurance plan. An election by a board or~~
7 ~~district to participate in the state group insurance plan~~
8 ~~under this subsection is irrevocable for a period of five~~
9 ~~(5) years from the date on which plan participation~~
10 ~~originally commenced. In addition to all other remedies~~
11 ~~available to the department, if a district or board~~
12 ~~withdraws from the state group insurance plan during the~~
13 ~~period of irrevocability, the department may assess against~~
14 ~~the withdrawing board or district the amount by which all~~
15 ~~claims paid on behalf of employees of the board or district~~
16 ~~exceeds total premiums paid by the board or district and~~
17 ~~their employees. A board or district may renew its initial~~
18 ~~participation in the state group insurance plan without~~
19 ~~interruption upon submitting notification of renewal to the~~
20 ~~department prior to expiration of the initial five (5) year~~
21 ~~participation period. Renewal of plan participation shall~~
22 ~~be irrevocable for an additional period of not less than~~
23 ~~five (5) years.~~

1

2 9-3-203. Definitions.

3

4 (a) As used in this act:

5

6 (iv) "Employee" means any employee of a
7 ~~participating~~ school district or ~~participating~~ board of
8 cooperative educational services whose salary is paid by
9 funds of the district or board, a volunteer firefighter,
10 volunteer emergency medical technician or a volunteer
11 search and rescue person as provided by W.S. 9-3-220 or any
12 official or employee of the state of Wyoming whose salary
13 is paid by state funds, including employees and faculty
14 members of the University of Wyoming and various community
15 colleges in the state, except persons employed on
16 intermittent, irregular, or less than halftime basis and
17 any at-will contract employee who does not meet the
18 requirements established under W.S. 9-2-3207(a)(xi)(F)(III)
19 or (IV). "Employee" shall not include employees of the
20 agricultural extension service of the University of Wyoming
21 who hold federal civil service appointments, are required
22 to participate in federal civil service retirement and who

1 elect to participate in the federal employees' health
2 benefit program as authorized in W.S. 9-3-210(d);

3

4 **9-3-205. Administration and management of group**
5 **insurance program; powers and duties; adoption of rules and**
6 **regulations; interfund borrowing authority.**

7

8 (a) The department shall administer and manage the
9 state employees' and officials' group insurance program in
10 accordance with all provisions of title 26 of the Wyoming
11 statutes governing group health benefit plans and rules
12 promulgated thereto. The department, subject to the
13 provisions of this act:

14

15 (xvi) Have authority to audit payroll records of
16 voluntary participating employers school districts and
17 boards of cooperative services to ensure compliance with
18 requirements of this act.

19

20 **9-3-207. Eligibility for membership in plan; state**
21 **employees; thirty-one (31) day period to elect enrollment;**
22 **new employees; later enrollment.**

23

1 (a) Any state employee, school district or board of
2 cooperative services eligible for membership in the group
3 insurance plan at the time the plan becomes effective shall
4 have thirty-one (31) days to either elect to be enrolled or
5 not be enrolled in the plan. The department shall establish
6 the procedure by which eligible employees shall notify the
7 department of their decision within the prescribed thirty-
8 one (31) day period.

9

10 (b) An eligible employee who enters state service,
11 enters service as a volunteer firefighter, volunteer
12 emergency medical technician or volunteer search and rescue
13 person ~~or enters service of a voluntary participating~~
14 ~~employer~~ has thirty-one (31) days from the initial date of
15 employment or ninety (90) days from the initial date of
16 becoming a volunteer firefighter, volunteer emergency
17 medical technician or volunteer search and rescue person as
18 provided by W.S. 9-3-220 to elect to be enrolled or not be
19 enrolled in the group insurance plan. A person who enters
20 service as a volunteer firefighter, volunteer emergency
21 medical technician or volunteer search and rescue person
22 shall volunteer for ninety (90) days before becoming
23 eligible for coverage under the group insurance plan. After

1 the ninety (90) day period is over, a volunteer shall have
2 thirty-one (31) days to elect to be enrolled or not be
3 enrolled in the group insurance plan.

4

5 **9-3-210. Amount of state's contribution; estimates**
6 **submitted to state budget officer; specified employees**
7 **participation in federal program; participating employers**
8 **contributions.**

9

10 (a) Except for ~~voluntary participating employers,~~
11 ~~school districts, boards of cooperative services,~~ volunteer
12 firefighters, volunteer emergency medical technicians and
13 volunteer search and rescue persons under W.S. 9-3-220, the
14 state shall contribute monthly the amount established and
15 appropriated by the legislature for each employee and
16 official enrolled in the plan in accordance with
17 subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

18

19 (e) ~~A participating Each~~ school district shall pay to
20 the department the monthly premium established by the
21 department for coverage of each eligible employee or
22 official of that district ~~electing~~ to become covered by any
23 portion of the group insurance plan. Monthly premiums

1 shall be at minimum no less than rates assessed for
2 coverage of other enrollees qualified under W.S. 9-3-
3 203(a)(iv), and shall be based upon information reported by
4 the ~~participating~~ district to the department, to be in a
5 form and manner prescribed by the department.

6

7 (f) ~~A~~ ~~participating~~ Each board of cooperative
8 educational services shall pay to the department the
9 monthly premium established by the department for coverage
10 of each eligible employee of the employer ~~electing~~ to
11 become covered by any portion of the group insurance plan.
12 Additionally, each ~~participating~~ board of cooperative
13 educational services shall pay to the department a monthly
14 amount equal to the lowest premium for nonsupplemental
15 coverage for each eligible employee of the employer not
16 electing to become covered under the nonsupplemental
17 portion of the group insurance plan. For purposes of this
18 subsection an employee shall not be considered as not
19 electing coverage if that employee is covered by other
20 insurance with benefits comparable to or greater than the
21 coverage provided by the least expensive non-supplemental
22 plan available under this act. Monthly premiums shall be
23 at minimum no less than rates assessed for coverage of

1 other enrollees qualified under W.S. 9-3-203(a)(iv), and
2 shall be based upon information reported by ~~the~~
3 ~~participating~~ board of cooperative educational services to
4 the department, to be in a form and manner prescribed by
5 the department.

6

7 **9-3-211. Deductions from salaries of monthly
8 contributions by employees and officials; establishment of
9 procedure.**

10

11 (a) The amount of monthly contribution to be made by
12 eligible employees and officials, excluding volunteer
13 firefighters, volunteer emergency medical technicians and
14 volunteer search and rescue persons under W.S. 9-3-220,
15 enrolled in the group insurance plan for themselves and
16 their dependents shall be deducted from the monthly
17 salaries of the employees and officials by the various
18 agencies or ~~voluntary participating employers~~ school
19 districts and boards of cooperative services and remitted
20 to the department. The procedure for deductions and
21 remittances shall be established by the department. If a
22 flexible benefits plan is chosen, the employees' and
23 officials' contribution shall be applied to the chosen

1 benefits in an amount determined by the employee or
2 official.

3

4 **9-3-217. Advisory panel; composition; compensation.**

5

6 (a) The director of the department shall establish an
7 advisory panel consisting of active plan participants
8 employed by the state, ~~participating~~ school districts, the
9 University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges and of
10 retired employees who are plan participants. The panel
11 shall consist of ~~no more than ten (10) members if there are~~
12 ~~less than five (5) participating school districts or no~~
13 ~~more than twelve (12) members if there are at least five~~
14 ~~(5) participating school districts~~ and, insofar as
15 possible, shall proportionally represent the specified
16 employee groups participating in the group health insurance
17 plan. The advisory panel shall be consulted regarding plan
18 benefits and costs. ~~The director of the department shall,~~
19 ~~upon receiving notification from at least five (5) school~~
20 ~~districts electing group insurance plan participation under~~
21 ~~W.S. 9-3-201(e), appoint two (2) additional advisory panel~~
22 ~~members to increase the advisory panel to twelve (12)~~
23 ~~members as provided in this section.~~

1

2 (b) State, ~~participating~~ school district, university
3 and community college employee members of the panel shall
4 suffer no loss of wages for the time devoted to attending
5 meetings of the panel called by the department. All
6 members shall be provided per diem and travel expenses
7 incurred for attending such meetings at the rates provided
8 under W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103.

9

10 **21-7-301. Insurance and other fringe and employment
11 benefits.**

12

13 (b) The board of trustees of each school district
14 ~~which is a participating district in the state employees'~~
15 ~~and officials' group insurance plan, as defined under W.S.~~
16 ~~9-3-203(a)(xvi),~~ shall provide insurance under the state
17 employees' and officials' group plan for the teachers,
18 administrative personnel and other employees meeting the
19 definition of employee under W.S. 9-3-203(a)(iv), as
20 provided by W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-218. Each
21 ~~participating~~ school district shall report to the
22 department of administration and information and make
23 payments for employer and employee contributions as

1 provided by W.S. 9-3-210 and 9-3-211. The amount of
2 contributions paid under W.S. 9-3-211 for each employee
3 electing coverage shall be deducted from the employee's
4 monthly salary in accordance with W.S. 9-3-211.

5

6 **21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in**
7 **foundation program for each district.**

8

9 (o) To the extent specifically provided by the
10 legislature, and between periods of model recalibration
11 required under subsection (t) of this section, the amount
12 computed for each district under subsection (m) of this
13 section shall be adjusted to provide for the effects of
14 inflation, excluding ~~these amounts~~ the amounts specified
15 under ~~subparagraphs (m) (v) (E)~~ and ~~(F)~~ subparagraph
16 (m) (v) (E), the technology and equipment component as
17 specified in W.S. 21-13-309.1(c)(xxi), the gifted and
18 talented students component as specified in W.S. 21-13-
19 309.1(c)(xxii) and the short cycle and formative assessment
20 component as specified in W.S. 21-13-309.1(c)(xxv). The
21 adjustment under this subsection shall not be applied until
22 the expiration of the school year immediately following the
23 first school year of application of the recalibrated model,

1 and shall be adjusted on a cumulative basis each school
2 year thereafter and until the first school year of
3 application of a subsequent model recalibration. Following
4 analysis of information reported under subsection (u) of
5 this section, the joint appropriations committee shall
6 submit a recommendation to the legislature and the governor
7 not later than November 1 of each applicable year on an
8 external cost adjustment for purposes of this subsection.

9

10 **Section 4.** W.S. 21-13-101(a) (xvi) (A) (I), (B) (I) and
11 (C) (I) and (xvii), 21-13-309(m) (v) (B) (I) and (V), (C) and
12 (G) (III), 21-13-320(g) (v) (B) and (h) (i) are repealed.

13

14 **Section 5.** W.S. 9-3-201(f), 9-2-203(a) (xiv), (xv)
15 and (xvi), 9-3-207(e), 21-13-309.1(c) (xxxvi), as created by
16 this act, and 21-13-309(m) (v) (F) are repealed.

17

18 **Section 6.** 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185,
19 ATTACHMENT "A", 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99,
20 Section 3, 2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 205, Sections
21 3 and 4, 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185 Sections 2
22 and 3 and 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80, Section 2,
23 Section 205, Footnote No. 1 are repealed.

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2 **Section 7.**

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4 (a) The select committee on school finance
5 recalibration as created by 2025 Wyoming Session Laws,
6 Chapter 140 is hereby continued. As specified in subsection
7 (b), the select committee shall continue the recalibration
8 study of the education resource block grant model as
9 required by W.S. 21-13-309(t) to ensure the model remains
10 cost-based and to determine the possible incorporation of
11 additional components into the education resource block
12 grant. The study shall include any potential responses to
13 court directives. The legislative service office shall
14 staff the select committee.

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16 (b) At a minimum, the select committee on school
17 finance recalibration shall study the following areas in
18 the context of K-12 public education:

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20 (i) Mental health supports, including core
21 counselors, nurses and at-risk pupil support resources. The
22 study shall include consideration of data collected from
23 school years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 for amounts

1 distributed pursuant to 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter
2 118, Section 2, Section 331 to schools for mental health
3 services;

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5 (ii) School safety and security personnel,
6 including employment of school resource officers;

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8 (iii) School nutrition programs, including
9 the school lunch programs;

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11 (iv) Technology, including the necessity of one
12 computer for each student for all K-12 public students and
13 district and school-level technology infrastructure and
14 cyber security.

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16 (c) The select committee on school finance
17 recalibration shall report its recommendations and any
18 associated legislation to the legislature. The select
19 committee may sponsor and introduce legislation as provided
20 in W.S. 28-8-104(e).

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22 (d) The select committee on school finance
23 recalibration shall remain in existence until December 31,

1 2025. Composition of the select committee and appointment
2 of members shall be as contained in 2025 Wyoming Session
3 Laws, Chapter 140, section 1(a) and (b). Any vacancy
4 occurring on the select committee shall be filled without
5 delay by the president of the senate or the speaker of the
6 house, as appropriate.

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8 (e) The department of education, other state
9 agencies, school districts and the school data advisory
10 committee established under W.S. 21-2-203(d) shall collect
11 and provide information requested by the select committee
12 or professional consultant experts working with the select
13 committee.

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15 **Section 8.** Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00)
16 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
17 service office to fund the model recalibration study in
18 accordance with section 7 of this act and for the purposes
19 of providing salary, including salary for the chairmen
20 under W.S. 28-5-101(e)(i), mileage and per diem to members
21 of the select committee on school finance recalibration and
22 for other expenses of the select committee authorized by
23 law or policy of the legislature. Funds appropriated under

1 this section expended to conduct the recalibration of the
2 education resource block grant model shall be in accordance
3 with a contractual agreement entered into between the
4 management council and professional consultants. This
5 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
6 effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2027.
7 This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
8 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
9 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
10 by law on June 30, 2027.

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12 **Section 9.**

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14 (a) Fourteen million three hundred sixty-three
15 thousand four hundred forty-two thousand dollars
16 (\$14,363,442.00) is appropriated from the public school
17 foundation program account to the department of education-
18 school finance for the purpose to reimburse school
19 districts for the remaining balance of buses and other
20 student transportation vehicles previously authorized for
21 reimbursed under W.S. 21-13-320. This appropriation shall
22 be for the period beginning with the effective date of this
23 section and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall

1 not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and
2 any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
3 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
4 2028.

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6 (b) XXXXX dollars (\$XXXXXX.00) is appropriated from the
7 public school foundation program account to the department
8 of education-school finance for payments to school
9 districts in accordance with W.S. 21-13-311, 21-13-313(b),
10 (c) and (g), 21-13-339 and 21-13-340 to supplement amounts
11 otherwise appropriated by the 2026 legislature in 2026
12 House Bill / Senate File 0001 for the school foundation
13 program. This appropriation shall be for the period
14 beginning with the effective date of this section and
15 ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be
16 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
17 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
18 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
19 2028.

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21 **Section 10.**

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(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2026;

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4 (b) Sections 3 and 5 are effective July 1, 2027;

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6 (c) Sections 7 and 8 are effective immediately upon
7 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
8 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
9 Constitution.

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11 (END)