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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

K-12 school finance - food service.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Finance
Recalibration

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to K-12 public school finance; creating a
2 categorical grant for food service program expenditures;
3 specifying qualifying expenses; requiring reporting;
4 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-342 is created to read:

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11 **21-13-342. Food service categorical grants; amounts**
12 **provided; reporting requirements; limitations.**

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2 (a) Subject to legislative appropriation, the amount
3 provided to each school district under this section for
4 each school year shall be equal to thirty-three percent
5 (33%) of the amount actually expended by the district
6 during the immediately preceding school year for qualifying
7 school food service expenditures. If statewide approved
8 qualifying school food service expenditures exceed the
9 amount appropriated by the legislature for purposes of this
10 section, the department shall reduce each district's
11 reimbursement proportionately based on the district's share
12 of total approved qualifying school food service
13 expenditures.

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15 (b) For purposes of this section, "qualifying school
16 food service expenditures" means expenditures incurred by a
17 school district for the operation of food service programs
18 for students enrolled in the district, as determined in
19 accordance with uniform accounting standards established by
20 the department of education. Qualifying school food service
21 expenditures shall not include:

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1 (i) Capital construction or major building
2 improvements;

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4 (ii) Expenditures for food or meals provided to
5 persons other than students, except expenditures necessary
6 for the operation of the district's student food service
7 program;

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9 (iii) Any expenditure determined by the
10 department to be unrelated to the operation of school food
11 service programs.

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13 (c) On or before August 15 of each year, each school
14 district shall report to the department of education the
15 district's qualifying school food service expenditures for
16 the immediately preceding school year. Expenditures
17 reported under this subsection shall be documented and
18 accounted for in accordance with uniform accounting
19 standards and procedures prescribed by the department. The
20 department shall annually review and may audit expenditures
21 reported by school districts under this subsection and may
22 correct information reported by a district as necessary to

1 fairly and accurately reflect expenditures eligible for
2 funding under this section.

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4 (d) Subject to legislative appropriation, on or
5 before October 15 of each year, the department of education
6 shall pay to each school district the amount determined
7 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

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9 (e) Amounts provided under this section shall be in
10 addition to and shall not be considered in determining the
11 school foundation program amount calculated pursuant to
12 W.S. 21-13-309 and 21-13-309.1.

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14 (f) The department of education shall promulgate
15 rules necessary to administer this section, including rules
16 establishing uniform accounting standards and procedures
17 for determining and reporting qualifying school food
18 service expenditures.

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20 **Section 2.** There is appropriated nineteen million
21 four hundred thousand dollars (\$19,400,000.00) from the
22 public school foundation program account to the department

1 of education-school finance for the period beginning July
2 1, 2027 and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall
3 be used to fund the food service categorical grant as
4 created by section 1 of this act. This appropriation shall
5 not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and
6 any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
7 appropriation on June 30, 2028 shall revert as provided by
8 law. It is the intent of the legislature that this
9 appropriation be doubled and included in the standard
10 budget for the department of education-school finance for
11 the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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

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15 (END)