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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

K-12 school finance - school resource officer grants.

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 expenditures incurred by school
3 districts to secure school resource officers; specifying
4 qualifying expenses; requiring reporting; providing an
5 appropriation; and providing for an effective 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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1 **21-13-342. School resource officers categorical**
2 **grants; amounts provided; reporting requirements;**
3 **limitations.**

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5 (a) For the purposes of this section:

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7 (i) "Law enforcement unit" means as defined by
8 W.S. 9-1-701(a)(vi);

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10 (ii) "Qualifying school resource officer
11 expenditures" means expenditures incurred by a school
12 district pursuant to an agreement with a law enforcement
13 unit for services provided by a school resource officer and
14 shall include only the portion of the costs under the
15 agreement attributable to school resource officer services
16 provided to the school district;

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18 (iii) "School resource officer" means a peace
19 officer, as defined by W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv)(A) or (B), who
20 is certified by the peace officer standards and training
21 commission and employed by a law enforcement unit to
22 provide law enforcement services to a school district

1 pursuant to an agreement between the school district and
2 the law enforcement unit.

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4 (b) Subject to legislative appropriation, the
5 department of education shall reimburse each school
6 district for qualifying school resource officer
7 expenditures incurred by the district during the
8 immediately preceding school year. If statewide approved
9 qualifying school resource officer expenditures exceed the
10 amount appropriated by the legislature, the department
11 shall reduce each district's reimbursement proportionately
12 based on the district's share of total approved qualifying
13 school resource officer expenditures.

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

1 reported by school districts under this subsection and may
2 correct information reported by a district as necessary to
3 fairly and accurately reflect expenditures eligible for
4 funding under this section.

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

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

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

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1 **Section 2.** There is appropriated six million dollars
2 (\$6,000,000.00) from the public school foundation program
3 account to the department of education-school finance for
4 the period beginning July 1, 2027 and ending June 30, 2028.
5 This appropriation shall be used to fund the school
6 resource officer categorical grant as created by section 1
7 of this act. This appropriation shall not be transferred or
8 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
9 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June
10 30, 2028 shall revert as provided by law. It is the intent
11 of the legislature that this appropriation be doubled and
12 included in the standard budget for the department of
13 education-school finance for the immediately succeeding
14 fiscal biennium.

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

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