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SENATE FILE NO. SF0051

School finance-amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the education 1 2 resource block grant model in response to the supreme court decision in State of Wyoming, et al., v. Campbell County 3 4 School District, et al., 2001 WY 19, 19 P.3d 518, (Wyo. specified; 5 2001)(Campbell II), as implementing 6 recalibration of cost based prototypical school models; 7 modifying requirements for out-of-state tuition payments; sunsetting specified provisions; transferring and modifying 8 school finance audits; providing for additional studies; 9 10 providing for appropriations and funds transfer; authorizing additional personnel; and providing for 11 effective dates. 12

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming: 15

16 Section 1. W.S. 9-1-513, 21-13-332 and 21-13-333 are 17 created to read:

1 2 9-1-513. School finance audits and management 3 studies. 4 5 (a) In addition to other duties prescribed under this article, the director of the department of audit shall 6 7 establish a school finance section within the department to carry out duties prescribed by this section. 8 9 10 The school finance section within the department (b) 11 established under subsection (a) of this section shall: 12 13 (i) Conduct periodic audits of each school 14 district pertaining to data required to be submitted to the department of education under law and by rule and 15 16 the state superintendent of public regulation of 17 instruction for purposes of implementing and operating the "school finance system" as defined under W.S. 21-2-203(a). 18 Audits under this paragraph shall include audits of systems 19 20 supporting data collection and shall be performed on each 21 school district at least once within each three (3) year 22 period;

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(ii) Conduct management studies 1 of school 2 districts including program evaluations and performance 3 audits, on issues identified by the advisory committee to 4 the division of data management and reporting of the 5 department of education, as established under W.S. 21-2-203(d);6 7 (iii) Conduct compliance and effectiveness and 8 9 efficiency audits of the state department of education with respect to data used in the school finance system, 10 implementation and computations under the school finance 11 system and the allocation of funds to school districts 12 13 through the school finance system; 14 15 (iv) Report findings and recommendations to the 16 department of education resulting from audits and studies 17 conducted on school districts pursuant to this subsection, including recommendations for remedies to identified 18 problems and issues and including the identification and 19 20 quantification of amounts involved in audit report and

21 study findings;

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(v) In addition to paragraph (b)(iv) of thissection, provide a written report of each audit or study to

1 the school district for which the audit or report was 2 conducted;

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4 (vi) Maintain a written report of each audit and
5 study conducted under this section;

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7 (vii) Establish a process to ensure school 8 districts and the department of education address and 9 resolve any problems identified within audit and report 10 findings and recommendations and establish the 11 determination of the materiality levels for findings;

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13 (viii) Provide an annual report to the 14 legislature on audits and studies conducted by the department under this section and on district 15 and department of education efforts to resolve identified 16 17 problems within the audits and reports. Reports under this paragraph shall include written responses by the districts 18 and the department of education submitted in accordance 19 20 with subsection (c) of this section.

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(c) School districts and the department of education shall provide access to all data and other information and shall cooperate with the school finance section as

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1 necessary to implement this section and to conduct audits 2 and reports required under this section. In addition, each 3 district shall within thirty (30) days following receipt of 4 a copy of the audit or report, file a written response to 5 each audit or report conducted on that district with the department. The state superintendent shall on behalf of the 6 7 department of education and within thirty (30) days following receipt of a report or audit on the department, 8 9 file a written response to the report with the department 10 of audit.

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12 (d) The director or his designee shall participate in 13 the advisory committee to the division of data management 14 and reporting of the department of education, as required 15 under W.S. 21-2-203(d).

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17 21-13-332. At-risk students; adjustment to foundation
 18 program formula.

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(a) The adjustment for at-risk students as provided under W.S. 21-13-309(n)(xi) shall be based upon the number of students within a district who are eligible for participation in the free or reduced price lunch under the national school lunch program established under 42 U.S.C.

1 1751 et seq. and in programs serving students with limited English proficiency as defined by rule and regulation of 2 3 the state department. This section only applies to the determination of concentration levels of at-risk students 4 5 for purposes of computing the adjustment prescribed under this section and shall not apply to any method or procedure 6 implemented by districts to identify at-risk students for 7 purposes of providing programs addressing student needs. 8 9 10 adjustment under this section (b) The shall be 11 computed for each district that has a significant 12 concentration level of at-risk students at any school 13 within the district determined as follows: 14 15 (i) Subject to paragraph (b)(ii) of this

16 section, a significant concentration level of at-risk 17 students shall be any level above the statewide average concentration of at-risk students determined by dividing 18 the number of free or reduced price eligible students and 19 20 the number of students with limited English proficiency 21 enrolled in all schools within the state for the 2001-2002 22 school year by the total state enrollment for school year 23 2001-2002;

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be counted 1 (ii) A student shall in the 2 computation of the at-risk adjustment if during the 3 applicable school year, that student is eligible to 4 participate in the free or reduced price lunch program or 5 in programs serving students with limited English proficiency. A student shall be counted only once for 6 7 purposes of computing concentration levels under this section, even though that student may simultaneously be 8 9 eligible to participate in the free or reduced price lunch 10 program and in programs serving students with limited 11 English proficiency;

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13 (iii) For each school within a district and 14 subject to paragraph (b)(ii) of this section, the student count component of the at-risk adjustment shall be computed 15 16 by dividing the number of free or reduced price lunch eligible students and the number of students with limited 17 English proficiency enrolled in the school during the 18 previous school year by the total number of students 19 20 enrolled in that school for that year;

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(iv) If the student count component of the atrisk adjustment computed under paragraph (b)(iii) of this section for any school within a district is above the

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1 statewide average as determined under paragraph (b)(i) of this section, the proportionate percentage student count 2 3 above the statewide average shall be multiplied by the 4 corresponding factor weight assigned to that concentration 5 level under the education resource block grant model. The factor weight for the highest concentration level of at-6 risk students in any school for any school year shall not 7 exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the 8 statewide consolidated dollar per ADM amount for that school year as 9 10 computed in accordance with the education resource block 11 grant model;

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13 (v) For purposes of this section, student 14 enrollment for any school year shall be the student 15 enrollment count for the school, district or state, as 16 appropriate, taken during October of the applicable school 17 year.

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19 21-13-333. Utility cost reimbursement contingency 20 account; assistance to districts.

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(a) The utility cost reimbursement contingency
account within the foundation program account is
established. The contingency account shall be administered

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by the state superintendent in accordance with this
 section.

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4 (b) Expenditures from the contingency account 5 established under subsection (a) of this section shall be limited to assistance to school districts experiencing 6 unusually large and unexpected increases in utility costs. 7 For purposes of this section, "utility costs" shall include 8 9 the costs for electricity and natural gas, propane or any 10 other power source used to provide heating to a school 11 building. Assistance under this section shall be based upon 12 utility costs for the immediately preceding school year. 13 The expenditure of any amount distributed to and received by a district under this section shall be limited to 14 payment of utility costs. To receive assistance under this 15 16 section, districts shall apply to the state superintendent 17 documenting the utility cost increase and the inability of the district to pay the documented increased cost from the 18 district's general operating balance and cash reserves as 19 20 defined under W.S. 21-13-313(e). Application shall be in a 21 form and manner and submitted within the scheduled time 22 period prescribed by rule and regulation of the state 23 superintendent.

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(c) Criteria for assistance under this section shall 1 2 at minimum require districts to demonstrate the need for 3 assistance as evidenced by a substantial and unexpected 4 increase in utility costs. Substantial and unexpected 5 increase in utility costs shall be based upon costs incurred in the previous school year and shall be defined 6 by rule and regulation of the state superintendent. 7 Districts receiving assistance under this section shall 8 9 report to the state superintendent on expenditures of 10 amounts received during any school year. Reports shall be 11 submitted in accordance with requirements imposed by rule 12 and regulation of the state superintendent.

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14 (d) The state superintendent shall promulgate rules 15 and regulations necessary to implement this section.

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Section 2. W.S. 21-2-203(d) (intro), 21-3-110(a) by 17 creating a new paragraph (xxiv), 21-4-501(a) and (d), 18 21-13-101(a)(xiv), 21-13-309(m)(intro), (ii)(A)(intro), 19 (B)(intro), (C)(intro), (n)(intro), (iii), (vii), by 20 21 creating a new paragraph (xi), (o), (q)(intro), (r) and 22 (s), 21-13-318(a)(intro), (f)(i) and by creating new subsections (g) and (h), 21-13-320(b)(intro), (ii) and by 23 24 creating a new subsection (g), 21-13-321(b)(ii)(intro),

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1 21-13-323(a), (b)(intro) and by creating new subsections 2 (c) and (d), 21-13-326, 21-13-328(a) and by creating a new 3 subsection (e) and 28-8-107(b) (intro) are amended to read: 4 5 21-2-203. School district data collection; division established; duties and responsibilities specified. 6 7 (d) The state superintendent of public instruction 8 9 shall establish an advisory committee to the division 10 consisting of not less than seven (7) members. This 11 advisory committee shall have representatives from among Wyoming school districts, other state agencies involved in 12 13 the administration of the school finance system, shall 14 include the director of the department of audit or his 15 designee, and shall include at least one (1) representative 16 from the independent auditor community within the state. 17 The committee shall meet at least twice annually and at the call of the administrator of the division. The duties of 18 19 the advisory committee are to: 20 21 21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees. 22 The board of trustees in each school district 23 (a) 24 shall:

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2	(xxiv) Provide access to district records and
3	other information by the department of audit as necessary
4	to conduct audits and studies under W.S. 9-1-513 and
5	otherwise cooperate with the department of audit when
6	conducting audits and studies of the district pursuant to
7	W.S. 9-1-513. The board shall also submit a written
8	response to the department of audit on each audit and
9	report conducted on the district in accordance with W.S.
10	<u>9-1-513.</u>
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12 **21-4-501.** Payment of tuition for children resident in 13 districts which maintain no high school; admission of 14 children to high schools in other districts; state board 15 approval for out-of-state placements; duties of admitting 16 districts; tuition amount.

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(a) Any district which does not maintain a high school shall pay tuition, in addition to transportation or maintenance, for any child resident therein who has successfully completed the course offered therein and desires to attend high school, at any public school within or <u>subject to the approval of the state board of education</u>, without the state, which the <u>district</u> board may designate

1	in the best interests interest, welfare and convenience of
2	the child. Application for attendance at a high school
3	outside the state shall be filed by the nonunified district
4	board with the state department of education. If the
5	nonunified district provides evidence that the amount of
6	tuition assessed by the out-of-state district for the out-
7	of-state placement shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five
8	percent (125%) of the actual per pupil cost as determined
9	under subsection (c) of this section, state board approval
10	shall be waived under this subsection.
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12	(d) <u>Subject to state board approval if an out-of-</u>

13 <u>state placement as required under subsection (a) of this</u> 14 <u>section, n</u>onunified school districts shall be reimbursed 15 from the school foundation program account for tuition paid 16 under subsection (a) of this section as if the district's 17 total foundation program amount for that year as computed 18 under W.S. 21-13-309(p) was increased by the amount of the 19 tuition paid during the preceding year.

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- 21 **21-13-101.** Definitions.
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- 23 (a) As used in this article:
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1	(xiv) "Education resource block grant model"
2	means the block grant model for Wyoming school finance as
3	contained within a <u>the January 2002</u> cost of education
4	study, dated April 1997, studies and the accompanying
5	spreadsheet provided by the consultant performing the
6	studies, all of which are on file with the legislative
7	<pre>service office secretary of state;</pre>
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9	21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in
10	foundation program for each district.
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12	(m) In determining the amount to be included in the
13	foundation program for each district <u>,</u> for the 1999-2000
14	school year, for the 2000-2001 school year and for the
15	2001-2002 school year, the state superintendent shall first
16	compute for each district a district model amount per
17	average daily membership (ADM) as follows:
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19	(ii) Multiply the district's average daily
20	membership (ADM) for each school level identified under
21	paragraph (m)(i) of this section by the following amount
22	for the appropriate prototypical school model level:
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1	(A) Elementary school – kindergarten
2	through grade five (5), six thousand one hundred
3	eighty-seven dollars (\$6,187.00): six thousand two hundred
4	thirty-eight dollars (\$6,238.00);
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6	(B) Middle school – grades six (6) through
7	eight (8), six thousand one hundred seventy-four dollars
8	(\$6,174.00): six thousand two hundred twenty-three dollars
9	(\$6,223.00);
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11	(C) High school – grades nine (9) through
12	twelve (12), six thousand four hundred five dollars
13	<pre>(\$6,405.00): six thousand four hundred fifty-four dollars</pre>
14	(\$6,454.00).
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16	(n) For each district, the district total amount per
17	ADM computed under subsection (m) of this section shall be
18	adjusted as follows to result in a revised amount per ADM
19	for each district. Unless otherwise specified in this
20	subsection, the adjustments under this subsection shall be
21	determined as specified in the cost of education study,
22	dated April 1997, and the spreadsheet provided by the
23	consultant performing the study related thereto, both of

1 which are on file in the legislative service 2 education resource block grant model: 3 4 (iii) The amount shall be adjusted for necessary 5 small schools in each district subject to W.S. 21-13-319 21-13-318. For the purpose of this paragraph, a "necessary 6 7 small school" shall be as defined in determined under W.S. 21-13-318; 8 9 (vii) The amount shall be adjusted for the 10 responsibility, education and experience level of 11 administrators, the experience level of classified 12 13 personnel and the seniority level of teachers in each 14 district as provided in W.S. 21-13-323; 15 16 (xi) The amount shall be adjusted for at-risk 17 students in each district as provided in W.S. 21-13-332. 18 19 The revised model amount per ADM for each (0) 20 district computed under subsection (n) of this section 21 shall be further adjusted for the following. Unless 22 otherwise specified in this subsection, the adjustments 23 under this subsection shall be determined as specified in 24 the cost of education study, dated April 1997, and the

spreadsheet provided by the consultant performing the study 1 2 related thereto, both of which are on file in the 3 legislative service office education resource block grant 4 model: 5 (i) To the extent specifically provided within 6 7 the school foundation program budget as enacted by the legislature, the amount shall be adjusted to provide for 8 9 the effects of inflation for the 2001-2002 school year by 10 increasing the amount computed under subsection (n) of this 11 section by nine and forty-four hundredths percent (9.44%) 12 beginning with school year 2003-2004 and adjusted on a 13 cumulative basis each school year thereafter; 14 15 (ii) The amount, after the adjustment under paragraph (o) (i) of this subsection has been made, shall be 16 17 further adjusted for regional cost of living differences. The adjustment for regional cost of living differences 18 19 shall be based upon the following: 20 21 (A) The adjustment shall be computed under 22 subdivisions (o)(i)(A)(I) and (II) of this section for each district and the larger computed adjustment shall be 23

1 applied to the revised model amount per ADM for that
2 district:

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4 (I) The Wyoming cost-of-living index, 5 based upon a value averaged for Albany and Laramie counties, with the medical component omitted and with the 6 housing component included but modified by excluding the 7 price for rental of shelter subcomponent, as computed by 8 9 the division of economic analysis, department of administration and information under rules promulgated by 10 11 it with respect to the methodology under which the index 12 shall be computed; and

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14 <u>(II) The Wyoming cost-of-living index,</u>
15 <u>based upon state average value, as computed by the division</u>
16 <u>of economic analysis with the medical component and the</u>
17 <u>housing component with the price for rental of shelter</u>
18 subcomponent included.

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20 (B) The version of the index used shall be 21 the average of the six (6) consecutive semi-annual index 22 reports completed by January 1 prior to the school year for 23 which it is to be used.

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1	(q) Computations under this section, W.S. 21-13-318
2	and 21-13-319 and 1997 Special Session Laws, Chapter 3,
3	Section 306 the education resource block grant model,
4	excluding computations under W.S. 21-13-323(c) and
5	21-13-332, shall be made on the average daily membership
6	(ADM) computed by averaging the ADM counts completed at the
7	end of the three (3) immediately preceding school years,
8	except:
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10	(r) The joint appropriations interim committee shall
11	submit a recommendation to the legislature and governor $_{m{ au}}$
12	not later than November 1 of each year , regarding whether
13	an external cost adjustment should be made, and if so, the
14	amount of the adjustment on the external cost adjustment in
15	accordance with paragraph (o)(i) of this section.
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17	(s) For the purpose of all calculations required to
18	be made under this section the education resource block
19	grant model and W.S. 21-15-109, including calculations
20	required under statutes referenced in this section or
21	otherwise applicable in making computations under this
22	section excluding calculations required under W.S.
23	21-13-323(c) and 21-13-332, the average daily membership
24	for each district's kindergarten students shall be divided

1	by two (2). This includes calculations required to be made
2	in this section in accordance with the cost of education
3	study, dated April 1997, and the spreadsheet provided by
4	the consultant performing the study related thereto, both
5	of which are on file in the legislative service office.
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7	21-13-318. Small schools; qualifications and
8	limitations on necessity; adjustment to foundation program
9	formula.
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11	(a) For the purposes of this section <mark>: and W.S.</mark>
12	21-13-319:
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14	(f) No school established on or after July 1, 1998,
15	shall qualify as a necessary small school unless, upon
16	application of the school district, the state
17	superintendent finds that the school meets the criteria to
18	be qualified as a necessary small school. The state
19	superintendent shall promulgate rules regarding the form of
20	applications and application procedures. To be qualified as
21	a necessary small school, a school established on or after
22	July 1, 1998, shall meet the following criteria:
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1	(i) The school meets the criteria listed under
2	paragraphs (b)(i) through (iv) or (c)(i) through (iv)
3	<pre>subsection (g) of this section;</pre>
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5	(g) A school is a necessary small school if it is
6	qualified under subsection (f) of this section or if it
7	meets the following qualifications:
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9	(i) If an elementary school, the ADM for
10	the prior school year is two hundred sixty-three (263) or
11	less;
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13	(ii) If a middle school, the ADM for the prior
14	school year is two hundred ninety-nine (299) or less;
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16	(iii) If a high school, the ADM for the prior
17	school year is five hundred ninety-nine (599) or less.
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19	(h) As provided by W.S. 21-13-309(n)(iii), there
20	shall be an adjustment for necessary small schools
21	qualifying under subsection (f) or (g) of this section. The
22	adjustment shall be computed as prescribed by the education
23	resource block grant model, which provides adjustments for
24	teacher compensation, utility costs and student activities.

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2 21-13-320. Student transportation; adjustment to 3 school foundation program formula for transportation 4 maintenance and operations expenditures and school bus 5 purchases; district reporting requirements. 6 (b) The amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(iii) 7 for each district shall be reduced by the total statewide 8 9 expenditure for transportation, including capital outlay 10 for school buses, per ADM during the 1996-1997 school year. 11 Subject to subsection (c) of this section, There shall be an addition to the amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(p) 12 13 for each school district equal to one hundred percent 14 (100%) of the amount actually expended by the district during the previous school year under subsection (c) of 15 this section, and eighty-five percent (85%) of the amount 16 17 actually expended by the district during the previous 18 school year for: 19 20 (ii) The transportation of students to and from 21 student activities authorized by department of education

23 activities means as defined in W.S. 21-13-319(b)(iv)(B)(I)

rules. For the purpose of this paragraph, student

24 athletic and nonathletic activities sanctioned by the

1	Wyoming high school activities association and school
2	sponsored athletic and nonathletic activities in grades
3	preceding high school which directly correspond to those
4	high school activities sanctioned by the Wyoming high
5	school activities association. No reimbursement shall be
6	made for transportation expenses for student activities for
7	expenses for transportation in excess of one hundred fifty
8	(150) miles from the Wyoming border into another state.
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10	(g) In addition to the adjustment under subsection
11	(b) of this section, the amount computed under W.S.
12	21-13-309(m)(iii) shall be adjusted by adding an amount
13	equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount actually
14	expended by the district during the 2000-2001 school year
15	for purposes specified under paragraphs (b)(i) and (ii) of
16	this section. This amount shall be considered general fund
17	operating revenue available to the district and shall not
18	be restricted to transportation expenditures.
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20	21-13-321. Special education; adjustment to
21	foundation program formula.
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23	(b) The adjustment for special education pursuant to
24	W.S. 21-13-309(n)(ii) shall be computed as follows:

1 2 (ii) The adjustment shall be an addition to the 3 amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(p) equal to one 4 hundred percent (100%) of the amount actually expended by 5 the district during the previous school year for special education programs and services., subject to the following 6 7 computations by the state department: 8 21-13-323. Teacher seniority; administrator 9 responsibility, education and experience; classified 10 personnel experience; adjustment to foundation program 11 formula. 12 13 14 (a) As used in this section: τ 15 16 (i) "Administrators" means central office staff and school principals employed by a school district, 17 excluding district curriculum directors; 18 19 20 (ii) "Central office staff" means employees of a 21 school district employed in each of the following 22 employment categories: 23 24 (A) District superintendent;

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2	(B) District assistant superintendent;
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4	(C) Business manager;
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6	(D) Personnel director.
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8	(iii) "Classified personnel" means any person
9	employed by a school district for which certification is
10	not required as a condition of employment, and is employed
11	in one (1) of the following employment classifications:
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13	(A) Instructional aides;
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15	(B) Clerical and data entry personnel.
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17	(iv) "School principal" means the principal for
18	each school level employed by a school district, including
19	each principal employed by the district for the same school
20	level but at different buildings within the district, and
21	including assistant principals, intern principals and
22	department chairs employed by a district;
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1 <u>(v)</u> "Teacher" means any person employed by a 2 school district as part of its teaching or professional 3 staff for whom certification is required as a condition of 4 employment as a certified professional employee, <u>including</u> 5 <u>district curriculum directors but</u> excluding certified and 6 noncertified administrative staff.

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The adjustment for the seniority level 8 (b) of 9 teachers pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(n)(vii) shall be computed for each district by multiplying the total number 10 of years of service of all teachers employed by the 11 12 district during the prior school year by the statewide 13 value for one (1) year of seniority, determined as specified in the spreadsheets accompanying the February 14 1998 teacher seniority adjustment report provided by the 15 16 consultant performing the cost of education study, which is on file with the legislative service office. The same 17 computation shall be made for each of the preceding two (2) 18 years and the average of the three (3) years shall be used 19 20 in making the computation education resource block grant 21 model. The adjustment computation under this subsection 22 shall be subject to the following:

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1	(c) The adjustment for the responsibility level of
2	administrators as provided by W.S. 21-13-309(n)(vii) shall
3	be computed for each district as follows:
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5	(i) For central office staff, the salary level
6	for each central office staff category as defined under
7	paragraph (a)(ii) of this section shall be adjusted during
8	any school year for each one hundred (100) students
9	enrolled within the district that exceeds or is below the
10	district weighted average enrollment. For purposes of this
11	paragraph, district weighted average enrollment shall be as
12	computed in the block grant model for school year 2001-
13	2002. Any increase or decrease from the district weighted
14	average enrollment, or proportion thereof, as appropriate,
15	shall be adjusted based upon the responsibility value level
16	for the applicable school year as prescribed by the
17	education resource block grant model;
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19	(ii) For school principals, the salary level for
20	each principal category of employment as identified within
21	the education resource block grant model shall be adjusted
22	based upon the number of students enrolled in that school
23	for which the school principal is employed. If a school

24 principal is employed for more than one (1) school level

1	within a district, the responsibility level for that school
2	principal shall be proportionately assigned to each school
3	level for which the principal is employed. Each school
4	year, the salary level for each principal category shall be
5	adjusted based upon the number of students enrolled in the
6	applicable principal's school which is above or below four
7	hundred thirty-nine (439), at intervals prescribed by the
8	education resource block grant model. The increase or
9	decrease shall be adjusted in accordance with a
10	responsibility level established by the block grant model;
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12	(iii) As used in this subsection, "student
13	enrollment" means the student enrollment count for the
14	district or school, as appropriate, taken during October of
15	the applicable school year.
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17	(d) Commencing with school year 2003-2004, the
18	experience level of classified personnel shall pursuant to
19	W.S. 21-13-309(n)(vii), be adjusted for each district based
20	upon any net increase or decrease in the average experience
21	profile for each classification of classified personnel as
22	defined under paragraph (a)(iii) of this section. For
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20	school year 2003-2004 and each school year thereafter, the

1	classification shall be compared to the average district
2	experience profile for that employment classification
3	during the 2001-2002 school year, and any net increase or
4	decrease for that classification shall result in an
5	adjustment in accordance with the adjustment factor
6	prescribed within the education resource block grant model.
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8	21-13-326. Routine maintenance; adjustment to
9	foundation program formula.
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11	(a) For the 1999-2000 school year, there shall be no
12	adjustment to the amount in W.S. 21-13-309(m)(iii) for
13	routine maintenance. The adjustment for routine maintenance
14	under W.S. 21-13-309(n)(vi), following reduction of the
15	operations and maintenance component contained within each
16	school level within the prototypical school model, as
17	prescribed by the education resource block grant model,
18	shall be computed for each district on a dollar per average
19	daily membership basis under the block grant model, subject
20	to the following:
21	
22	(i) Actual gross square feet of school buildings
23	and facilities within each district shall be separated into
24	education and noneducation categories with the square

1 footage of any building or facility not used for district
2 purposes excluded;

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4 (ii) For purposes of computations for the 5 adjustment to the block grant model under this section, actual square footage of education space shall be reported 6 7 and computed for each district by school level. The gross 8 square footage of education space for each school level 9 shall be subject to the computations prescribed under 10 paragraphs (a) (iv) through (vi) of this section. The standard education space capacity for each school level 11 12 shall be the gross square footage prescribed by the 13 statewide building adequacy standards promulgated under 14 W.S. 21-15-107;

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16 (iii) Subject to paragraph (a) (vii) of this 17 section, actual gross square footage of noneducation space 18 shall be reported and computed under this section for each 19 district, with the standard noneducation space for each 20 district equal to the greater of ten percent (10%) of the 21 total education space allotted to the district under 22 statewide building adequacy standards, or ten percent (10%) of the district's total actual education space; 23

1	(iv) Education space capacity at less than one
2	hundred percent (100%) of the standard space level shall
3	receive an increase in the base dollar amount per square
4	foot in increments specified by the block grant model;
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6	(v) For school years 2002-2003 through 2006-
7	2007, education space capacity greater than one hundred
8	twenty-five percent (125%) of the standard space level and
9	up to two hundred percent (200%) of the standard space
10	level, shall in accordance with the block grant model,
11	receive a decrease in the base dollar amount per square
12	foot for the square footage exceeding the one hundred
13	twenty-five percent (125%) level. Educational space in
14	excess of two hundred percent (200%) of the standard space
15	level shall not be included in computations under this
16	section;
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18	(vi) For school year 2007-2008 and each school
19	year thereafter, education space capacity greater than one
20	hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the standard space level
21	and up to two hundred percent (200%) of the standard space,
22	shall as prescribed by the block grant model, receive a
23	decrease in the base dollar amount per square foot for the
24	square footage exceeding one hundred fifteen percent (115%)

1	of the standard level. Education space in excess of two
2	hundred percent (200%) of the standard space level shall
3	not be included in computations under this section;
4	
5	(vii) Noneducation space capacity greater than
6	the standard level for noneducation space as prescribed
7	under paragraph (a)(iii) of this section, but not to exceed
8	the greater of twenty percent (20%) of the total education
9	space allotted to the district under statewide building
10	adequacy standards or twenty percent (20%) of the
11	district's total actual education space, shall receive a
12	decrease in the base dollar amount per square foot as
13	provided under the block grant model. Noneducation space
14	capacity greater than twenty percent (20%) of the total
15	educational space allotted to the district under state
16	standards or actual district educational space, whichever
17	is greater, shall not be included in computations under
18	this section;
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20	(viii) The base dollar amount per square foot
21	for routine maintenance shall be two dollars and forty-four
22	cents (\$2.44), subject to paragraphs (a)(iv) through (vii)
23	of this section.
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1	21-13-328. Small school district adjustment.
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3	(a) <u>Pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(n)(x)</u> , there shall be
4	an adjustment for small school districts as provided in
5	subsection (e) of this section. For the purpose of this
6	adjustment for any school year, a small school district is
7	a school district with not more than one thousand three
8	hundred fifty (1350) ADM. W.S. 21-13-309(s) applies to
9	this section. The amount of the adjustment under W.S.
10	21-13-309(n)(x) shall be the sum of the amounts computed
11	under subsections (b) through (d) of this section divided
12	by the ADM of the district. The adjustment shall apply to
13	any district for any school year in which the adjustment
14	computed in accordance with subsection (e) of this section
15	for the district for that school year was less than the
16	central district administration component amount contained
17	within the appropriate prototypical school model level
18	under the education resource block grant model.
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20	(e) The adjustment for small school districts shall
21	be subject to the following:
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23	(i) The adjustment shall be based upon
24	additional costs incurred by small districts for central

1	office staff, including superintendents, business managers,
2	curriculum and instruction coordinators, technology
3	coordinators and clerical staff;
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5	(ii) District central office staffing levels
6	shall be funded at amounts prescribed by the education
7	resource block grant model based upon the following:
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9	(A) Level I configured at two hundred fifty
10	(250) ADM with six (6) central office staff positions;
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12	(B) Level II configured at five hundred
13	fifty (550) ADM with seven (7) central office staff
14	positions;
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16	(C) Level III configured at one thousand
17	(1,000) ADM with nine (9) central office staff positions.
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19	28-8-107. Auditing of state agencies; management
20	audit committee; factors to be considered in audit reports.
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22	(b) Except as otherwise provided under W.S. 28-8-115,
23	$\underline{\mathbf{T}}$ he legislative service office, at the direction of the
24	management audit committee, subject to management council
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1 budget priorities, and subject to general policies 2 established by the legislature when in regular or special 3 session, shall: 4 5 Section 3. 6 (a) 1998 Special Session Laws, Chapter 2, Section 7 1101, W.S. 21-13-309(m)(ii)(A)(I), (B)(I), (C)(I), (n)(iv) 8 9 and (v), 21-13-318(a)(ii) through (iv), (b) and (c), 21-13-319, 21-13-320(e), 21-13-321(b)(ii)(A) through (D), 10 11 21-13-322, 21-13-323(b)(iv), 21-13-325, 21-13-327, 12 21-13-328(b) through (d) and 28-8-115 are repealed. 13 14 (b) Effective July 1, 2003, W.S. 21-13-309(m)(ii) and 15 21-13-332 are repealed. 16 Section 4. [VOCATIONAL EDUCATION STUDY] 17 18 19 Program Criteria and Guidelines. The state (a) 20 superintendent of public instruction shall, in consultation 21 with the state board of education, develop statewide 22 minimum program criteria and guidelines prescribing qualification for public school vocational education 23 24 programs for purposes of state funding under the education

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1 resource block grant model. The criteria and guidelines 2 shall describe programs constituting vocational education 3 in sufficient detail to determine educational programs and 4 courses qualifying as vocational education content. As part 5 of this study, the state superintendent shall review program delivery and structure to the extent necessary to 6 7 identify and prescribe criteria and mechanisms for the most cost-effective use of resources in the provision of 8 9 vocational education programs within schools, districts and 10 the state.

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12 (b) Data Collection. In addition to subsection (a) 13 this section, the state superintendent of public of 14 instruction shall develop a vocational education cost data collection instrument and shall subsequently collect data 15 16 school districts student participation from on in 17 vocational education programs and on district expenditures for vocational education programs, specifically 18 on expenditures for vocational education program instruction. 19 20 The collected data shall be of sufficient detail to enable 21 the development of a mechanism within the education 22 resource block grant model that would provide for the distribution of vocational education resources based upon 23 24 the number of students participating in vocational

education programs which meet or comply with state criteria and guidelines established under subsection (a) of this section.

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5 (C) Report to Legislature. Information, findings and recommendations developed under subsections (a) and (b) of 6 this section shall be reported by the state superintendent 7 to the joint education interim committee on or before 8 9 November 1, 2002. Information collected and other 10 analytical material created for purposes of subsections (a) 11 and (b) of this section shall be filed with the legislative 12 service office. The state superintendent may contract with 13 appropriate experts and professionals as necessary to carry out subsections (a) and (b) of this section. 14

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16 Vocational Education Funding Adjustment (d) 17 Study. Based upon information collected by the state superintendent under this section, and in conjunction with 18 data collection efforts 19 study and of the state 20 superintendent, the joint education interim committee shall 21 conduct a study to establish an adjustment to the education 22 resource block grant model for vocational education. Study 23 findings and recommendations together with necessary 24 enabling legislation, shall be completed in sufficient time

1 to enable consideration by the Wyoming legislature in the 2 2003 general session.

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4 Section 5. [VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GRANTS] 5

(a) Vocational Education Program Grants. For the 6 7 2002-2003 school year, the state superintendent shall provide grants to school districts from the school 8 9 foundation program account to fund district vocational 10 education programs for the purpose of continuing programs until such time as statewide vocational education criteria 11 12 and guidelines are developed in accordance with section 4 13 of this act and a separate vocational education funding mechanism within the education resource block grant model 14 is established. Grants issued under this section shall: 15

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17 (i) Supplement and not supplant existing
18 vocational education program expenditures by a district;

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20 (ii) Emphasize vocational education program 21 opportunities not accessible or available within another 22 school or community college program located within a 23 reasonable distance;

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1	(iii) Be limited to the following:
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3	(A) The purchase of equipment for
4	vocational education programs preparing students for high
5	skill occupations in fields where employment is in high
6	demand as established by rule and regulation of the state
7	superintendent and for which there is sufficient student
8	participation, as defined by rule and regulation of the
9	<pre>state superintendent;</pre>
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11	(B) The payment of tuition or other
12	expenses incurred by districts to enable attendance by
13	students within the district at vocational education
14	programs offered by other districts or community colleges.
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16	(b) Vocational Education Grant Program Applications.
17	Any school district may on or before June 30, 2002, apply
18	to the state superintendent for a grant under subsection
19	(a) of this section. Application shall be on a form and in
20	a manner specified by rule and regulation of the state
21	superintendent and shall at minimum specify the planned
22	expenditure of requested funding and provide an inventory
23	of existing vocational education program equipment and
24	proposed future equipment needs. Following review of

1 district applications and not later than August 15, 2002, 2 the state superintendent shall notify districts if a grant 3 will be awarded under subsection (a) of this section, and 4 if so, shall issue the grant to the district.

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6 (c) <u>Grant Recipient Reports.</u> Each district shall 7 report to the state superintendent on the expenditure of 8 grants awarded under subsection (a) of this section, and 9 shall provide other information as may be required by the 10 state superintendent to carry out this program.

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12 (d) Program Administration. The state superintendent 13 shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the grant program established under this section and shall as 14 soon as reasonably possible, notify districts of the 15 16 availability of vocational education program grants 17 authorized under this section and of the requirements imposed upon districts to obtain a grant award. 18

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20 Section 6. [ADMINISTRATION]

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(a) In addition to other duties specifically
prescribed under this act, the state department of
education shall develop necessary procedures and reporting

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instruments to assemble information required to implement 1 modifications and adjustments to the education resource 2 3 block grant model as provided by this act, including but 4 not limited to: 5 (i) District utility cost data as necessary to 6 implement W.S. 21-13-333, as created under section 1 of 7 this act; 8 9 10 (ii) District classified personnel data to 11 develop necessary experience profile information and other 12 requirements under W.S. 21-13-323(d), as amended under section 2 of this act; 13 14 15 (iii) District information on administrative 16 experience and education of supervisory personnel as 17 required to implement and administer W.S. 21-13-323(c), as 18 amended under section 2 of this act. 19 20 (b) For purposes of information required under this 21 section, school districts shall cooperate with the state 22 department. Information collected and other analytical 23 material created for purposes of this section shall be

24 filed with the legislative service office.

2 Section 7. [READING ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION 3 PROGRAM STUDY] 4

5 The joint education interim committee shall, through qualified contract assistance, conduct a study of the 6 7 reading assessment and intervention program established under W.S. 21-3-301. The study shall establish a cost-based 8 9 method of funding the program through the education resource block grant model, subject to remediation and 10 reporting requirements established by W.S. 21-3-301. The 11 12 study shall be conducted and structured to enable 13 development of enabling legislation for consideration by the Wyoming legislature in the 2003 general session. 14

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16 Section 8. [STUDENT TRANSPORTATION]

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(a) <u>Transition.</u> The state department of education
shall, to the extent it determines any excess expenditures
by a district were necessary to provide transportation
operations and maintenance for school year 2000-2001,
increase the school year 2002-2003 guarantee of that
district under W.S. 21-13-309(p) by the amount of any

reduction made to the 2001-2002 transportation adjustment
 for that district under W.S. 21-13-320(e)(iii).

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4 Study. The joint education interim committee (b) 5 shall conduct a comprehensive review of school district expenditures for the operations and maintenance 6 of 7 services as defined transportation under W.S. 21-13-320(b)(i) and (ii). The state department of education 8 9 shall assist the committee with study efforts under this 10 subsection. The study shall be used as a basis for 11 establishing a cost-based method of funding the 12 transportation of children to and from school, to and from 13 authorized student activities and the transportation of 14 students with special needs. As used in this subsection, "student activities" means athletic 15 and nonathletic 16 activities sanctioned by the Wyoming high school activities 17 association and school sponsored athletic and nonathletic activities in grades preceding high school which directly 18 19 correspond to those high school activities sanctioned by 20 the Wyoming high school activities association. The state 21 department shall develop information and processes 22 containing student population and usage, transportation routing, distance, travel time and other logistical data 23 24 capable of generating necessary analysis and reports

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required for the establishment of a cost-based funding 1 2 formula. The analysis and report shall be provided to the 3 committee on or before November 1, 2002. All information, 4 processes and other analytical material created by the 5 department under this subsection shall be filed with the legislative service office. The state superintendent may 6 7 contract with appropriate experts and professionals as necessary to carry out this subsection. The committee shall 8 9 complete its study of a cost-based formula for 10 transportation in sufficient time to enable development of 11 recommendations and necessary enabling legislation for 12 consideration by the Wyoming legislature in the 2003 13 general session. 14 15 Section 9. [SPECIAL EDUCATION]

16

17 (a) Transition. The state department of education shall, to the extent it determines any excess expenditures 18 by a district were necessary to provide essential special 19 20 education programs and services for school year 2000-2001, 21 increase the school year 2002-2003 guarantee of that 22 district under W.S. 21-13-309(p) by the amount of any reduction made to the 23 2001-2002 special education

adjustment for that district under W.S.
 21-13-321(b)(ii)(C).

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4 Study. The joint education interim committee (b) 5 shall conduct a comprehensive review of school district expenditures for special education programs and services, 6 7 as defined by W.S. 21-13-321(a)(ii). The study shall be undertaken in conjunction with the state department of 8 9 education and shall be used as a basis for establishing a 10 cost-based method of funding special education programs and 11 services, which would provide incentives to school 12 districts to provide cost effective programs and services. 13 The study shall be completed in sufficient time to enable 14 development of recommendations and necessary enabling legislation for consideration by the Wyoming legislature in 15 16 the 2003 general session.

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18 Section 10. [SMALL SCHOOL STUDY]

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20 (a) The state superintendent shall develop necessary 21 information and procedures for the establishment and 22 application of criteria for defining small schools for 23 purposes of the small school adjustment prescribed by law 24 under W.S. 21-13-318, as amended by section 1 of this act.

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The state superintendent shall give consideration to 1 2 recommendations provided by the consultant performing the 3 January 2002 cost of education studies pertaining to small 4 schools, specifically the recommendation for basing a 5 definition upon buildings and facilities comprising a school. The state superintendent shall assemble a report on 6 7 information and findings developed under this section and on or before November 1, 2002, submit the report together 8 9 with recommendations to the joint education interim 10 committee.

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12 upon information and recommendations (b) Based 13 reported by the state superintendent under subsection (a) this section, the joint education interim committee shall 14 study the small school adjustment contained within the 15 16 education resource block grant model and submit 17 recommendations together with necessary enabling legislation to the Wyoming legislature for consideration in 18 the 2003 general session. 19

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(c) The joint education interim committee shall include in the study of the necessary small school adjustment conducted in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, further analysis and review of the components

1 comprising the small school adjustment. The analysis and 2 review shall include consideration of the ability of the 3 adjustment components to provide students attending Wyoming 4 public schools with the educational program required by 5 law. Economy-of-scale issues and funding implications related to the analysis and review undertaken under this 6 7 subsection shall involve Wyoming school districts and their 8 data. 9 10 Section 11. [TRANSFER OF SCHOOL AUDIT FUNCTION] 11 All records and other information pertaining to the school 12 13 finance audit section within the legislative service office, together with all standards and procedures for 14 auditing school district data, shall be transferred to the 15 department of audit as necessary to implement W.S. 9-1-513 16 17 as created under section 1 of this act. 18

19 Section 12. [HOLD HARMLESS OF FOUNDATION PROGRAM
20 AMOUNT]

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Notwithstanding W.S. 21-13-309(p), using computations of district foundation program amounts by the state department of education based upon reports from districts required by

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1 the department, the foundation program amount computed for 2 a district under W.S. 21-13-309(p) for school years 2002-3 2003 and 2003-2004 shall not be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the foundation program amount available 4 5 to that district during the 2001-2002 school year. A district is not entitled to additional funding under this 6 section if, but for a decrease in ADM as compared with the 7 2001-2002 school year, that district would not have a 8 9 foundation program amount that is less that one hundred 10 percent (100%) of the school year 2001-2002 foundation 11 program amount. 12 Section 13. [CERTIFIED STAFF AND RELATED ISSUES AND 13 14 AT-RISK STUDIES] 15 16 The joint education interim committee shall (a) 17 study: 18 19 (i) The certified staff component within the 20 education resource block grant model, including fringe 21 benefits, health insurance, seniority and the education 22 adjustment, and issues related thereto; and 23

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(ii) The definition of at-risk students and for 1 2 the at-risk students, the funding component within the 3 education resource block grant model. 4 5 (b) The committee shall report study results, together with necessary implementing legislation, to the 6 7 Wyoming legislature for consideration in the 2003 general session. 8 9 10 Section 14. [FILING OF COST OF EDUCATION STUDIES 11 AND SPREADSHEET WITH SECRETARY OF STATE] 12 legislative service office shall file with the 13 The secretary of state the January 2002 cost of education 14 studies and the accompanying spreadsheet provided by the 15 consultants to the legislature performing the cost of 16 education study. The secretary of state shall maintain the 17 studies and spreadsheet on file and shall make the studies 18 and spreadsheet available for public inspection during 19 20 reasonable business hours.

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22 Section 15. [APPROPRIATIONS]

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1 (a) One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is 2 appropriated from the school foundation program account to 3 the utility cost reimbursement contingency reserve account 4 established under W.S. 21-13-333 as created by section 1 of 5 this act.

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7 (b) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) is 8 appropriated from the general fund for the period ending 9 June 30, 2003, to the state superintendent to implement and 10 conduct the vocational education study required under 11 section 4 of this act.

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13 (c) Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) is 14 appropriated from the general fund to the state 15 superintendent for the period ending June 30, 2003, to 16 carry out the analysis and study effort for the development 17 of transportation information and processes required under 18 section 8(b) of this act.

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20 (d) One million five hundred thousand dollars 21 (\$1,500,000.00) is available to the state superintendent of 22 public instruction within the school foundation program 23 account during the period ending June 30, 2003, for

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purposes of the vocational education grant program
 authorized under section 5 of this act.

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4 (e) Six hundred eight thousand nine hundred twenty-5 five dollars (\$608,925.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the state superintendent of public instruction as 6 7 necessary to carry out duties and perform activities necessary to implement this act. In addition, the state 8 9 superintendent is authorized an additional two (2) full-10 time positions for purposes of implementing this act. The 11 amount appropriated under this subsection shall be for the 12 period ending June 30, 2004. On or before July 1, 2004, the state superintendent shall report to the joint education 13 interim committee and the joint appropriations committee on 14 funds appropriated under 15 expenditure of the this 16 subsection, the positions filled and the status of these 17 positions.

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(f) Three hundred ninety-six thousand five hundred seventeen dollars (\$396,517.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of audit as necessary to implement and administer W.S. 9-1-513, as created under section 1 of this act, for the period ending June 30, 2004, and four hundred forty-six thousand sixty-nine dollars

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(\$446,069.00) of the general fund appropriation to the 1 2 legislative service office in 2002 SF0001 if enacted is 3 transferred to the department of audit. In addition, the 4 department is authorized five (5) additional full-time 5 positions as necessary to administer W.S. 9-1-513. On or before July 1, 2004, the department shall report to the 6 7 education interim committee and joint the joint appropriations committee on the expenditure of 8 funds 9 appropriated under this subsection, the positions filled 10 and the status of these positions.

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12 The amounts specified in this subsection are (q) 13 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office to fund the identified studies required 14 under this act. Funds appropriated under this subsection 15 shall include funding necessary committee meetings, staff 16 17 support and consultants to the legislature and shall be expended only upon approval of the management council. 18 Specific general fund appropriations are as follows: 19

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(i) Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for the study of adjustments to the education resource block grant model for vocational education programs required under section 4(d) of this act;

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(ii) Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for
the study to establish a cost-based reading assessment and
intervention adjustment as required under section 7 of this
act;
(iii) Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for a
study to determine a cost-based student transportation

adjustment to the education resource block grant model as

10 provided under section 8(b) of this act;

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12 (iv) Two hundred seventy thousand dollars 13 (\$270,000.00) to supplement funding made available by the 14 state department of education in undertaking the 15 comprehensive review of special education costs and to 16 develop a cost-based adjustment to the education resource 17 block grant model as required under section 9(b) of this 18 act;

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20 (v) Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for a 21 study of the small school adjustment to the education 22 resource block grant model as provided under section 10 of 23 this act;

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(vi) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) 1 2 for a study of the certified staff and at-risk components 3 and issues related thereto as provided under section 13 of 4 this act. 5 Section 16. [ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION] 6 7 In codifying the law, the legislative service office shall 8 9 aggregate increases and decreases to the dollar amount per average daily membership (ADM) in W.S. 21-13-309(m)(ii) 10 11 contained in any bill enacted into law during the 2002 legislative session, so that W.S. 21-13-309(m)(ii) reflects 12 a single dollar amount per ADM for each school level. 13 14 15 Section 17. [EFFECTIVE DATES] 16 17 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2002. 18 19

1 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, 2 W.S. 9-1-513 as created under section 1 of this act and 3 sections 4 through 16 of this act are effective immediately 4 upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become 5 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming 6 Constitution.

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(END)