

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0048

School finance-special education.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; eliminating limitations
2 imposed upon the special education adjustment to the cost-
3 based block grant amount; imposing transitional
4 requirements as specified; requiring a study of special
5 education costs as specified; providing an appropriation;
6 and providing for effective dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-321(b)(ii)(intro) is amended to
11 read:

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13 **21-13-321. Special education; adjustment to**
14 **foundation program formula.**

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16 (b) The adjustment for special education pursuant to
17 W.S. 21-13-309(n)(ii) shall be computed as follows:

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(ii) The adjustment shall be an addition to the amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(p) equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount actually expended by the district during the previous school year for special education programs and services. ~~7. subject to the following computations by the state department:~~

Section 2. W.S. 21-13-321(b)(ii)(A) through (D) is repealed.

Section 3. The state department of education shall, to the extent it determines any excess expenditures by a district were necessary to provide essential special education programs and services 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 special education adjustment for that district under W.S. 21-13-321(b)(ii)(C).

Section 4.

1 (a) The joint education interim committee shall
2 conduct a comprehensive review of school district
3 expenditures for special education programs and services,
4 as defined by W.S. 21-13-321(a)(ii). The study shall be
5 undertaken in conjunction with the state department of
6 education and shall be used as a basis for establishing a
7 cost-based method of funding special education programs and
8 services, which would provide incentives to school
9 districts to provide cost effective programs and services.

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11 (b) The comprehensive review required under
12 subsection (a) of this section shall be completed in
13 sufficient time to enable development of recommendations
14 and necessary enabling legislation for consideration by the
15 Wyoming legislature in the 2003 general session.

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17 (c) Two hundred seventy thousand dollars
18 (\$270,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
19 legislative service office to supplement funding made
20 available by the state department of education in
21 undertaking the comprehensive review required under
22 subsection (a) of this section and to fund necessary
23 legislative committee meetings and staff support. Funds

1 appropriated under this section shall be expended only upon
2 approval by the management council.

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4 **Section 5.**

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6 (a) Except as provided under subsection (b) of this
7 section, this act is effective July 1, 2002.

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9 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
10 section 4 of this act is effective immediately upon
11 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
12 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
13 Constitution.

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