

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0031

Bureau of Indian Affairs schools.

Sponsored by: Select Committee On Tribal Relations

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT providing an appropriation for the alleviation of  
 2 specified conditions on the Wind River Indian Reservation  
 3 through education programs; imposing conditions upon the  
 4 expenditure of appropriated funds; and providing for an  
 5 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.**

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11 (a) The legislature finds that:

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13 (i) Conditions of severe unemployment, poverty  
 14 and lack of adequate job skills exist on the Wind River  
 15 Indian Reservation;

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1           (ii) Educational programs provided by the  
2 Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Indian Tribes address  
3 these conditions on the reservation;

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5           (iii) The Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho  
6 Indian Tribes are sovereign nations whose members are also  
7 citizens of the United States and residents of Wyoming;

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9           (iv) With assistance from the state of Wyoming,  
10 the Joint Tribal Council of the Eastern Shoshone and  
11 Northern Arapaho Indian Tribes will be capable of  
12 continuing efforts to address conditions existing on the  
13 reservation through the provision of programs addressing  
14 the special educational needs of Indian students. The  
15 maintenance of these special educational programs unique to  
16 Indian students is of mutual benefit to the tribes and to  
17 the state, reducing future financial needs of those  
18 students as tribal members and as Wyoming residents for  
19 public education, job services, substance abuse services  
20 and income supplements.

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22           (b) One hundred ninety-two thousand fifty-five  
23 dollars (\$192,055.00) is appropriated from the general fund  
24 to the governor. The governor shall enter into a contract

1 with the Joint Tribal Council of the Eastern Shoshone and  
2 Northern Arapaho Indian Tribes whereby the funds  
3 appropriated under this section shall be conveyed to the  
4 Joint Tribal Council to be expended by the Council for  
5 program enhancements, services for students at risk of  
6 failure in school and other services essential to the  
7 success and welfare of students.

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9 (c) As part of the contract the Joint Tribal Council  
10 shall agree to report to the governor and the joint  
11 education interim committee on the expenditure of funds  
12 under this section and on the impact of the expenditures on  
13 student performance. The report shall be made not later  
14 than June 30, 2005.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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