

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0132

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; transferring funds to  
5 the governor's office; 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.**

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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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17 (ii) Educational programs provided by the

1 Eastern Shoshone and the Northern Arapaho Indian Tribes  
2 address these conditions on the reservation;

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

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

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21 (b) Twenty-six thousand three hundred sixteen dollars  
22 (\$26,316.00) is appropriated from the school foundation  
23 program account to the office of the governor for the  
24 fiscal biennium to be used for a cost of living increase to

1 the budget for Saint Stephens school. One-half (1/2) of  
2 the funds shall be used for each year of the biennium. The  
3 office of the governor shall provide the funds under this  
4 section through amendment of existing contracts or creation  
5 of new contracts with the joint business council of the  
6 Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Indian Tribes whereby  
7 the funds appropriated under this section shall be conveyed  
8 to the joint business council to be expended by the joint  
9 business council for program enhancements, services for  
10 students at risk of failure in school and other services  
11 essential to the success and welfare of students.

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13 (c) There is transferred to the office of the  
14 governor from the department of education three hundred  
15 eighty-four thousand one hundred ten dollars (\$384,110.00)  
16 for funding for Saint Stephens school. This transfer shall  
17 be a type 1 transfer, pursuant to W.S. 9-2-1707(b)(i) and  
18 shall include the transfer of all positions, personnel,  
19 property, contracts and funds associated with the funds  
20 appropriated under this section.

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22 (d) There is appropriated three hundred eighty-nine  
23 thousand five hundred seventy-four dollars (\$389,574.00)  
24 from the school foundation program account to the office of

1 the governor for the fiscal biennium which shall only be  
2 expended to replace federal funding that was previously  
3 available through the bureau of indian affairs for Saint  
4 Stephens school located in Fremont County, Wyoming. One-  
5 half (1/2) of this appropriation shall be expended for each  
6 year of the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2006 and  
7 ending June 30, 2008.

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9 (e) As part of the contract under which funds are  
10 provided under this section the joint business council  
11 shall agree to report to the joint appropriations interim  
12 committee, the joint education interim committee and the  
13 select committee on tribal relations on the expenditure of  
14 funds under this section and on the impact of the  
15 expenditures on student performance. The report shall be  
16 made not later than June 30, 2007.

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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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