

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Indian school education programs.

Sponsored by: Sdraft

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education programs on the Wind River
 2 Indian Reservation; requiring contractual arrangements with
 3 the joint tribal business council for provision of
 4 education programs to address conditions existing on the
 5 reservation; imposing duties on the governor's office;
 6 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
 7 date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-4-601 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 6

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON THE

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WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION

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1 **21-4-601. Education programs on the Wind River Indian**
2 **Reservation.**

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4 (a) The legislature finds that, through education
5 programs provided by the Eastern Shoshone and the Northern
6 Arapaho Indian Tribes to school age Indian children
7 residing on the Wind River Indian Reservation, the state
8 can address conditions of unemployment, poverty and lack of
9 adequate job skills which exist on the reservation.
10 Maintenance of these education programs unique to Indian
11 students is of mutual benefit to the tribes and the state,
12 reducing future financial needs of those students as tribal
13 members and as Wyoming residents for public education, job
14 services, substance abuse services and income supplements.

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16 (b) Subject to amounts appropriated by the
17 legislature, the governor shall enter into contractual
18 arrangements with the joint business council of the Eastern
19 Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Indian Tribes for the
20 provision of education programs and services addressing
21 Indian students at risk of failure in school and other
22 programs and services essential to the success and welfare
23 of these students as specified under subsection (a) of this
24 section. For purposes of this section, the governor shall

1 include an amount within his biennial budget request which
2 is computed in accordance with subsection (c) of this
3 section to provide a per student amount that when nonstate
4 funding sources are considered, is comparable to per
5 student amounts provided for public schools under the
6 Wyoming education resource block grant model.

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8 (c) To arrive at a biennial funding amount for
9 purposes of subsection (b) of this section, an estimate
10 shall be computed as follows:

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12 (i) Determine a combined average per student
13 funding level under the Wyoming education resource block
14 grant model for those school districts with comparable
15 student enrollments;

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17 (ii) Multiply the per student amount determined
18 under paragraph (i) of this subsection by the number of
19 students enrolled in education programs and services
20 provided by the joint business council pursuant to
21 subsection (a) of this section;

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23 (iii) Subtract from the amount computed under
24 paragraph (ii) of this subsection all nonstate funds

1 received by the joint business council for education
2 programs and services provided under subsection (a) of this
3 section.

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5 **Section 2.** One million forty-nine thousand nine
6 hundred forty-six dollars (\$1,049,946.00) is appropriated
7 from the general fund to the office of the governor to fund
8 contractual obligations through the fiscal year beginning
9 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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