

SENATE FILE NO. SF0098

High school career training program.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Jennings and Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to high school vocational career training;
2 appropriating funds to the department of workforce services
3 to develop a high school vocational career training
4 program; specifying participants and program components;
5 imposing duties and reporting requirements; granting
6 rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) is
13 appropriated from the budget reserve account to the
14 department of workforce services to develop a high school
15 vocational career training program designed to prepare
16 Wyoming high school students for employment in Wyoming upon
17 high school graduation, subject to the following:

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2 (i) The primary purpose of the high school
3 vocational career training program is to provide high
4 school students with the technical skills necessary to
5 assess quality employment within Wyoming in an industry for
6 which the student receives training under this program;

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8 (ii) The department shall by rule and regulation
9 establish a program to train Wyoming high school students
10 for Wyoming jobs and shall consult with industry, training
11 entities and school districts in developing and designing
12 training programs under this section. As used in this
13 paragraph:

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15 (A) "Industry" means a business entity,
16 group of entities or an industry association;

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18 (B) "Training entities" mean community
19 colleges, public and private post secondary education
20 institutions, private schools or organizations providing
21 career training in Wyoming which are licensed or registered
22 under W.S. 21-2-401 through 21-2-407, and boards of
23 cooperative educational services.

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1 (iii) Subject to department rule and regulation,
2 industry and training entities may apply to the department
3 for funding to develop and operate a training program under
4 this section based upon industry standards. Training
5 program funding under this section shall target high demand
6 occupations and shall require approval by the department;

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8 (iv) The training program shall not exceed six
9 (6) months and shall be designed such that:

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11 (A) A student or individual may enroll
12 during the spring semester of grade twelve (12) or within
13 three (3) months immediately following high school
14 graduation or attainment of a general educational
15 development (GED) equivalency diploma, as applicable;

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17 (B) Participation is limited to a student
18 or individual between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-
19 one (21) years;

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21 (C) Program participation may include an
22 individual not enrolled in high school but actively
23 pursuing a GED equivalency diploma; and

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1 (D) For students or individuals screened
2 and sponsored by industry or training entities prior to
3 placement in a specific program, industry shall reimburse
4 the cost of tuition to the student upon the student's
5 graduation. A non sponsored student may enter the program,
6 but shall not receive industry reimbursement of tuition
7 upon graduation.

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9 (b) The department shall develop educational tools to
10 promote and provide awareness of Wyoming career training
11 opportunities under this section. Industry shall apply to
12 the department for inclusion in the development and
13 implementation of educational tools under this subsection.

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15 (c) Prior to the 2010 general session of the
16 legislature, the department shall report to the joint
17 education interim committee and the joint appropriations
18 interim committee on the training program, industry and
19 student participation in the program and on expenditures of
20 amounts appropriated under subsection (d) of this section.

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22 (d) The amount appropriated from the budget reserve
23 account under subsection (a) of this section shall be for
24 the period commencing on the effective date of this act and

1 ending on June 30, 2010, and shall be expended by the
2 department as follows:

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4 (i) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00)
5 for the high school vocational career training program
6 authorized under subsection (a) of this section.. This
7 appropriation shall be expended only after receipt of
8 matching funds from private sources in an amount equal to
9 the appropriation;

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11 (ii) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)
12 for the educational tools developed. This appropriation
13 shall be expended only after receipt of matching funds from
14 private sources in an amount equal to the appropriation.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
19 Constitution.

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