

SENATE FILE NO. SF0144

Business ready program-education infrastructure.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hines and Anderson, J. and
Representative(s) Simpson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to economic development; clarifying
2 educational development infrastructure projects funded
3 under the business ready community program; specifying
4 conditions and imposing requirements; dedicating
5 appropriated funds for this purpose; and providing for an
6 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.** W.S. 9-12-601(b) and by creating a new
11 subsection (k) and 21-15-114(a) by creating a new paragraph
12 (xv) and by renumbering (xv) as (xvi) are amended to read:

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14 **9-12-601. Wyoming business ready community program;**
15 **purpose; creation; rulemaking.**

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1 (b) The council shall establish and administer a
2 Wyoming business ready community program as provided by
3 this article. Any city, town or county may submit an
4 application to the council for a grant or loan under the
5 program on forms prescribed by and subject to rules
6 promulgated by the council. Grants or loans may be applied
7 for by a joint powers board with the approval of all
8 participating agencies to the joint powers agreement.
9 Grants and loans may be made by the council for economic or
10 educational development infrastructure projects, including
11 the purchase of land, buildings, facilities,
12 telecommunications infrastructure, rights of way, airports,
13 sewer and water projects, roads, landscaping, recreational
14 and convention facilities or other infrastructure
15 determined by the council to be consistent with the
16 purposes of this article. Educational development
17 infrastructure projects shall include projects specified
18 under subsection (k) of this section. In adopting rules and
19 making grants and loans under this article the council
20 shall require all projects to be related to economic or
21 educational development infrastructure, which except for
22 projects specified under subsection (k) of this section,
23 shall not include rehabilitation or expansion of existing
24 infrastructure unless the council determines the

1 rehabilitation or expansion is necessary to meet the
2 purposes of this article. All grants, loans or cooperative
3 agreements made under this article shall be referred by the
4 council to the state loan and investment board for final
5 approval or disapproval. The state loan and investment
6 board may adopt rules as necessary to implement its duties
7 under this article.

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9 (k) Educational development infrastructure projects
10 specified under subsection (b) of this section shall
11 include projects for roads, utilities and other
12 infrastructure necessary to connect property on which
13 school buildings and facilities are or will be situated, to
14 existing roads, utilities and other infrastructure of
15 municipalities and other local governmental entities. The
16 council shall by rule and regulation provide procedures
17 applicable to these projects which shall include:

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19 (i) Value engineering review by the school
20 facilities commission established under W.S. 21-15-113, and
21 subsequent commission approval prior to referral to the
22 state loan and investment board under subsection (b) of
23 this section;

1 (ii) Based upon the review required under
2 paragraph (i) of this subsection, a determination by the
3 council as to the capacity levels necessary to connect
4 existing infrastructure to the property on which school
5 buildings and facilities are or will be situated;

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7 (iii) A process for differentiating
8 infrastructure capacity determined under paragraph (ii) of
9 this subsection from any excess capacity and a requirement
10 that grants or loans provided under this subsection be
11 matched or include repayments for amounts determined to be
12 excess under this paragraph.

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14 **21-15-114. Powers and duties; school facilities**
15 **office created; director.**

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17 (a) The school facilities commission shall:

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19 (xv) Through its established value engineering
20 process, review those educational development
21 infrastructure projects identified under W.S. 9-12-610(k)
22 and following review, provide recommendations to the
23 Wyoming business council pursuant to W.S. 9-12-601(k);

1 ~~(xv)~~ (xvi) With prior consultation with the
2 select committee on school facilities, promulgate necessary
3 rules and regulations to administer and implement this act.

5 **Section 2.** Of the general fund appropriation to the
6 Wyoming business council for the business ready community
7 program for the biennial period beginning July 1, 2006, and
8 ending June 30, 2008, not less than six million nine
9 hundred thousand dollars (\$6,900,000.00) shall be expended
10 for educational infrastructure projects specified under
11 W.S. 9-12-601(k) as created under section 1 of this act.

13 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
14 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
15 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
16 Constitution.

L8 (END)