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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

School finance-instructional facilitators.

Sponsored by: HDRAFT

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; establishing the
2 financial assistance program for instructional facilitators
3 and instructional coaches as a supplemental resource for
4 school district professional development programs;
5 prescribing program application and program expenditures;
6 specifying computation of district payments; imposing
7 duties and granting rulemaking authority to the department
8 of education; prescribing program reporting requirements;
9 and providing for an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-335 is created to read:

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1 **21-13-335. Supplemental financial assistance program**
2 **for instructional facilitators and instructional coaches.**

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4 (a) The supplemental financial assistance program for
5 instructional facilitators and instructional coaches is
6 established to augment resources within the education
7 resource block grant model available to districts for
8 professional development. Supplemental assistance under
9 this section shall be for school-based instructional
10 facilitators and instructional coaches to assist schools
11 with providing ongoing instructional coaching and
12 instructional mentoring.

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14 (b) Each school district may apply to the department
15 of education for financial assistance under this section on
16 or before April 15 of the school year immediately preceding
17 the school year for which financial assistance is
18 requested. Application shall be on a form and in a manner
19 prescribed by the department and application review and
20 selection shall be in accordance with the process
21 established by department rule and regulation. At minimum,
22 the application shall include documentation of the
23 following program components:

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2 (i) Evidence of a research-based approach to
3 instructional facilitator program implementation;

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5 (ii) A plan for evaluation of the instructional
6 facilitator program over time.

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8 (c) The department shall notify each district of its
9 eligibility to participate in the financial assistance
10 program on or before May 1 of the school year preceding the
11 school year for which application is made, together with
12 any estimated amount to be made available to the district
13 for the applicable school year. The department shall
14 distribute assistance to each eligible district on or
15 before August 15 of the applicable school year for which
16 assistance is requested.

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18 (d) Financial assistance under this section shall be
19 based upon prior year school level attendance and
20 configuration reports submitted by each eligible school
21 district pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(m)(iv). Grant amounts
22 shall be computed by the department for the eligible
23 applicant district as if the education resource block grant

1 model contained the following component for instructional
2 facilitators, prorated up and down from the FTE position
3 level specified for each prototype similar to computational
4 operation of other components within the block grant model:

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6 (i) One and one-half (1.5) FTE position in each
7 288 ADM prototypical elementary school within the
8 qualifying district;

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10 (ii) One and one-half (1.5) FTE position in each
11 315 ADM prototypical middle school within the district;

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13 (iii) One and one-half (1.5) FTE position in
14 each 315 prototypical high school within the district;

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16 (iv) "FTE" and "ADM" as used in this section
17 shall be as defined in ATTACHMENT "A" to 2006 Wyoming
18 Session Laws, Chapter 37, as referenced in W.S.
19 21-13-101(a)(xvii).

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21 (e) Financial assistance to each qualifying applicant
22 school district shall be made by the department from
23 amounts appropriated by the legislature to the foundation

1 program account for purposes of the program established by
2 this section and shall be in addition to the foundation
3 program amount computed for that district under W.S.
4 21-13-309(p). If there is an insufficient amount within
5 the foundation program account from amounts appropriated by
6 the legislature for financial assistance under this section
7 for any school year, the department shall make a pro rata
8 reduction in financial assistance payments among all
9 qualifying districts for that school year. District
10 expenditures of amounts distributed under this section
11 shall be solely for district instructional facilitator and
12 instructional coaching programs in accordance with the
13 program documentation submitted by the district under
14 subsection (b) of this section. The department may
15 withhold a portion or the entire amount to be distributed
16 to any district under this section for noncompliance with
17 program documentation submitted by the applicant district.

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19 (f) Each district shall report to the department of
20 education on expenditures of amounts distributed under this
21 section together with additional information required by
22 the department on instructional facilitation strategies
23 employed by the district, the impact of facilitation on

1 student performance and an evaluation of the effectiveness
2 of the facilitation strategies employed by the recipient
3 district. The department shall compile the information
4 reported by districts under this subsection and report the
5 compilation to the joint education interim committee.

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

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