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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

School finance appropriations.

Sponsored by: HDRAFT

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; continuing specified  
2 off-model school district financial assistance programs;  
3 imposing reporting requirements upon the department of  
4 education; modifying specified assistance amounts;  
5 providing appropriations; and providing for effective  
6 dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.** 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, chapter 95,  
11 section 1101(a) through (e) is amended to read:

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13 **Section 1101.**

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1           (a) The supplemental financial assistance  
2 pilot project for student enrichment instruction  
3 is established. Under the project the department  
4 of education may provide financial assistance in  
5 addition to the education resource block grant  
6 model for selected districts for the provision of  
7 student enrichment instruction programs during  
8 the 2008 and 2009 summer school ~~session~~sessions.  
9 The project shall meet program requirements and  
10 criteria established by rule and regulation of  
11 the department.

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13           (b) Each school district may apply to the  
14 department of education for assistance under this  
15 section on or before April 15, 2008, and on or  
16 before April 15, 2009 for the 2009 summer school  
17 session or the 2009-2010 school year, as  
18 applicable. Application shall be on a form and  
19 in a manner prescribed by the department. At  
20 minimum, the application shall include a  
21 description of program content including  
22 enrichment learning strategies to be employed.

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1           (c) The department shall notify each  
2           district of its eligibility to submit an  
3           application to be considered for assistance under  
4           this section for a pilot project no later than  
5           May 1, 2008. For the 2009 summer school session,  
6           notification to school districts shall be  
7           provided by May 1, 2009. The department shall  
8           state in the notice to the districts the  
9           application program requirements and shall award  
10          funding for selected districts to implement a  
11          summer school enrichment pilot program. On or  
12          before May 31, 2008 or May 31, 2009, as  
13          applicable, the department shall distribute  
14          assistance to each district selected to  
15          participate in the summer school pilot enrichment  
16          project under this section.

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18           (d) Four hundred fifty thousand dollars  
19          (\$450,000.00) is appropriated from the public  
20          school foundation program account to the  
21          department of education to be expended as  
22          necessary to implement this section. This  
23          appropriation shall be for the period beginning

1 with the effective date of this section and  
2 ending June 30, 2009. To continue supplemental  
3 assistance for student enrichment instruction in  
4 the 2009 summer school session and into the  
5 2009-2010 school year, four hundred fifty  
6 thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) is appropriated  
7 from the public school foundation program account  
8 to the department of education for the period  
9 commencing on the effective date of this  
10 subsection and ending June 30, 2010.

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12 (e) Each recipient district shall report by  
13 October 1, 2008, or by October 1, 2009, as  
14 applicable, to the department of education on  
15 expenditures of amounts distributed under this  
16 section together with additional information  
17 required by the department on enrichment  
18 strategies employed by the district, the impact  
19 of the program on student performance and an  
20 evaluation of the effectiveness of the enrichment  
21 strategies employed by the recipient district.  
22 If the recipient district received student  
23 enrichment assistance for the 2008 summer school

1 session or the 2008-2009 school year, and the  
2 2009 summer school session or the 2009-2010  
3 school year, the report shall include an analysis  
4 and evaluation of program impact on student  
5 performance and enrichment strategies over the  
6 combined two (2) year period. The department  
7 shall compile the information reported by  
8 districts under this subsection, and report to  
9 the joint education interim committee, together  
10 with program recommendations, on or before  
11 December 1, 2008, and on or before December 1,  
12 2009 for programs funded in the 2009 summer  
13 session and 2009-2010 school year. Program  
14 recommendations shall also address 2010 model  
15 recalibration and provide recommendations on  
16 future enrichment program funding as a cost-based  
17 component of the block grant model or  
18 continuation as an off-model categorical  
19 assistance program.

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21 **Section 2.**

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1 (a) 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 95, Section  
2 601(e) is amended to read:

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4 **Section 601.**

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6 (e) The amount of assistance for each  
7 qualifying applicant district under this section  
8 shall be the lesser of the total amount of the  
9 funding deficit experienced by that district for  
10 the school year immediately preceding the year of  
11 application, or an amount determined by  
12 multiplying the per meal reimbursement computed  
13 for the school year of application under  
14 subsection (d) of this section times the number  
15 of qualifying meals reported by the applicant  
16 district under subsection (c) of this section.  
17 Payments for each qualifying district shall be  
18 made by the department not later than October 15  
19 of the school year of application.

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21 (b) For the period beginning July 1, 2009, and ending  
22 June 30, 2010, four million five hundred thousand dollars  
23 (\$4,500,000.00) is appropriated from the public school

1 foundation program account to the department of education  
2 to continue financial assistance to school districts for  
3 food service programs as provided under 2008 Wyoming  
4 Session Laws, chapter 95, section 601. Program rules and  
5 regulations adopted under 2008 Wyoming Session Laws,  
6 chapter 95, section 602 for school year 2008-2009 shall  
7 apply to school year 2009-2010, and reporting requirements  
8 imposed under 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 95,  
9 Section 601(f) shall be expanded to evaluate program impact  
10 and effectiveness over the combined two (2) year period  
11 including school years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

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13 **Section 3.** Five million eight hundred ninety-four  
14 thousand three hundred six dollars (\$5,894,306.00) is  
15 appropriated from the public school foundation program  
16 account to the department of education, to be expended only  
17 to augment amounts within the department's budget for the  
18 supplemental funding program for instructional facilitators  
19 and instructional coaches pursuant to W.S. 21-13-335. This  
20 appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1,  
21 2009, and ending June 30, 2010.

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23 **Section 4.**

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2           (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this  
3 section, this act is effective July 1, 2009.

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5           (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,  
6 section 1 of this act is effective immediately upon  
7 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
8 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
9 Constitution.

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