

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0139

School finance-court ordered placement.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Northrup, Brown, Connolly and Paxton and Senator(s) Landen and Rothfuss

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; specifying when a school
2 district may count children under court ordered placement
3 among its average daily membership; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-315(b) is amended to read:

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10 **21-13-315. Costs of court ordered placement of**
11 **children in private residential treatment facilities, group**
12 **homes, day treatment programs and juvenile detention**
13 **facilities.**

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1 (b) Except to the extent costs are covered under
2 subsection (n) of this section, the department of education
3 using federal or foundation funds, or both, shall pay for
4 the allowable education costs of juvenile and district
5 court ordered placements of children residing in private
6 treatment facilities and group homes where a fee is
7 charged, including court ordered placements in programs for
8 children with disabilities provided by a board of
9 cooperative educational services. No district shall receive
10 funds, either directly or indirectly, from any facility or
11 home receiving payment under this section for providing
12 education programs and services to children placed and
13 residing in the facility or home, but the district may
14 count the children among its average daily membership if
15 the district provides education services directly to the
16 children or contracts with another district to provide
17 education services to the children. The department of
18 education shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations
19 prescribing standards and allowable costs for educational
20 program services funded under this section. Standards shall
21 be subject to W.S. 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and rules and
22 regulations of the state board and shall be designed to fit
23 the unique populations of residential centers, group homes,

1 programs and services provided by boards of cooperative
2 educational services and out of state placement facilities.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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