

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0182

Special education funding.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Flitner

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; amending an appropriation
2 to the Wyoming department of education for special education
3 out of district placements; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 137,
9 Section 6(a) is amended to read:

10

11 **Section 6.**

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13 (a) In addition to all other appropriations
14 for special education programs and services, two
15 million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is appropriated to
16 the department of education from the school

1 foundation program account for purposes of making
2 payments to school districts for out of district
3 placements for special education students. For
4 purposes of distribution under this section, out of
5 district placement costs shall be calculated in
6 accordance with W.S. 21-13-321, but funds
7 appropriated under this section shall be
8 distributed to school districts pursuant to rules
9 promulgated under this section for the 2019-2020
10 and 2020-2021 school years. The funds appropriated
11 under this section shall therefore not be subject
12 to the limitation of W.S. 21-13-321(b), and shall
13 not be included for purposes of calculating the
14 statewide reimbursement amount calculated for
15 purposes of W.S. 21-13-321(b). Notwithstanding any
16 other provision of law, this appropriation shall
17 not be transferred or expended for any other
18 purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
19 remaining from this appropriation shall revert to
20 the school foundation program account on June 30,
21 2021. The department, to the extent possible, shall
22 provide funding to school districts that meet the
23 requirements of paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this

1 subsection from funds appropriated pursuant to this
2 subsection in amounts equal to the school
3 districts' expenses for out of district placement
4 for special education students. Before distributing
5 funds appropriated under this section to any other
6 school district, the department of education shall
7 distribute funds to school districts that:

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9 (i) Have an average daily membership of
10 not more than eight hundred (800) students in the
11 school year in which funding is distributed; and
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13 (ii) Expend an amount that represents an
14 increase of one hundred percent (100%) or more for
15 out of district placement expenses incurred in the
16 2018-2019 school year or the 2019-2020 school year
17 compared to the school district's expenses for out
18 of district placements in the 2017-2018 school
19 year.
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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as
3 provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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