

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0033

School finance-career technical education grants.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

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for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; establishing competitive  
 2 grants for public schools to purchase career and technical  
 3 education supplies, materials and equipment; requiring  
 4 rulemaking; requiring reporting; making conforming  
 5 amendments; appropriating funds; 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. 21-13-337 is created to read:

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12 **21-13-337. Career and technical education equipment**  
 13 **grants; application; criteria; limitations.**

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15 (a) A school district may apply to the state  
 16 department of education for state assistance to fund the

1 purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for a new or  
2 existing career and technical education program in the  
3 district. Amounts awarded under this section shall be in  
4 addition to and shall not be considered in determining the  
5 school foundation program amount under the education  
6 resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309. Any  
7 school district receiving funds under W.S. 21-12-105 for a  
8 career and technical education demonstration project grant  
9 shall be ineligible to receive funds under this section for  
10 the period the district receives funds under W.S.  
11 21-12-105.

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13 (b) A grant awarded under this section shall be for a  
14 period of two (2) years and shall not exceed fifty thousand  
15 dollars (\$50,000.00) per year. Applications for a grant  
16 under this section shall be submitted on a form and in a  
17 manner specified by rule of the department, shall be filed  
18 with the department on or before June 30 to secure a grant  
19 during the immediately succeeding school year and shall at  
20 a minimum include:

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22 (i) A proposal documenting the need for the  
23 requested supplies, materials and equipment and the

1 relationship of the career and technical education program  
2 to the workforce, education and economic needs of Wyoming;

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4 (ii) The purpose, plan and timeline for  
5 expenditure of grant amounts;

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7 (iii) Assurances that school facilities  
8 appropriately accommodate the career and technical  
9 education program for which the supplies, materials and  
10 equipment will be used;

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12 (iv) Other necessary information required by the  
13 department.

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15 (c) Not later than August 15 of the applicable school  
16 year and following review of applications submitted under  
17 this section, the department shall notify applicant  
18 districts of its grant awards and shall provide each  
19 applicant district a written statement of the reasons for  
20 approving or denying the application. First preference  
21 shall be given to districts that have expended, or will  
22 expend with the award of the grant requested under this  
23 section, the entire amount generated under W.S.

1 21-13-309(m)(v)(D) for supplies, materials and equipment  
2 for career and technical education programs utilizing  
3 expenditure data from the immediately preceding five (5)  
4 school years from the date of application. Second  
5 preference shall be given to districts that have not  
6 received a grant under this section in the immediately  
7 preceding five (5) school years from the date of  
8 application. If an application is approved, the department  
9 shall award the grant from amounts made available by  
10 legislative appropriation from the public school foundation  
11 program account for purposes of this section.

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13 (d) Each applicant district shall report to the  
14 department on the expenditure of amounts awarded under this  
15 section and shall provide other information as required by  
16 rule of the department.

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18 (e) The department of education shall promulgate  
19 rules necessary to carry out this section.

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21 (f) As used in this section, "career and technical  
22 education program" shall be as specified in W.S.  
23 21-13-309(m)(v)(D)(II).

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2       **Section 2.** W.S. 21-12-105(b) is amended to read:

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4       **21-12-105. Career and technical education**  
5 **demonstration project grants; application; criteria;**  
6 **limitations.**

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8       (b) Any amount awarded to a district under this  
9 section shall be in addition to and not be considered in  
10 determining the school foundation program amount under the  
11 education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S.  
12 21-13-309. A grant awarded under this section shall be for  
13 a period of two (2) years and shall not exceed one hundred  
14 fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for the first year of  
15 demonstration project planning, and not more than two  
16 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) for project  
17 implementation in year two (2) of the project grant.  
18 Thereafter, state assistance for the project shall be  
19 limited to funds distributed to the district within its  
20 foundation program amount as determined under the education  
21 resource block grant model. Any school district receiving  
22 funds under W.S. 21-13-337 for career and technical  
23 supplies, materials and equipment shall be ineligible to

1 receive a grant under this section for the period the  
2 district receives funds under W.S. 21-13-337.

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4       **Section 3.** There is appropriated two hundred fifty  
5 thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) from the public school  
6 foundation program account to the department of education  
7 for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30,  
8 2024. This appropriation shall be used for the grant  
9 program established by W.S. 21-13-337 as created by section  
10 1 of this act. This appropriation shall not be transferred  
11 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,  
12 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June  
13 30, 2024 shall revert as provided by law. It is the intent  
14 of the legislature that this appropriation be included in  
15 the standard budget for the department of education for the  
16 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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18       **Section 4.** Not later than June 30, 2024, the data  
19 advisory committee established under W.S. 21-2-203(d) shall  
20 provide to the state superintendent of public instruction  
21 recommendations to more clearly identify expenditures on  
22 career and technical supplies, materials and equipment by  
23 school districts.

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2           **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon  
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
5 Constitution.

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