

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0020

School finance-regional cost adjustment study.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

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for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; requiring reporting and  
2 data collection to study the regional cost adjustments  
3 utilized in the education resource block grant model during  
4 recalibration; and providing for an 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.**

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10 (a) All data collected and reported as required under  
11 this section shall be sufficiently anonymized or aggregated  
12 to eliminate personally identifiable information, while  
13 ensuring the legislature is able to perform the  
14 recalibration of the education resource block grant model  
15 required pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(t) and study the  
16 regional cost adjustments.

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2 (b) Each school district shall report to the state  
3 superintendent of public instruction:

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5 (i) Not later than October 1, 2024 for school  
6 year 2024-2025, and not later than October 1, 2025 for  
7 school year 2025-2026, the number of unfilled vacancies for  
8 each school and district level staffing category, including  
9 teachers, principals and assistant principals, central  
10 office administrators, secretarial and clerical staff,  
11 operations and maintenance staff, aides and media  
12 technicians and student transportation personnel. For  
13 purposes of this paragraph, "unfilled vacancies" means  
14 positions the school district is actively seeking to fill  
15 or has sought to fill within the immediately preceding  
16 three (3) months prior to reporting data;

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18 (ii) Not later than October 1, 2024 for school  
19 year 2023-2024, and not later than October 1, 2025 for  
20 school year 2024-2025, average mileage reimbursed by each  
21 school district for travel by school district personnel in  
22 the course and scope of employment. The average mileage  
23 shall be reported by building and travel destination.

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2 (c) Not later than March 31, 2025, the state  
3 superintendent of public instruction shall report to the  
4 legislative service office data collected for school year  
5 2023-2024 and school year 2024-2025 under subsection (b) of  
6 this section. Not later than March 31, 2026, the state  
7 superintendent shall report to the legislative service  
8 office data collected for school year 2025-2026 under  
9 subsection (b) of this section.

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11 (d) Not later than March 31, 2025, for school year  
12 2023-2024 data, and not later than March 31, 2026, for  
13 school year 2024-2025 data, the Wyoming department of  
14 workforce services shall report to the legislative service  
15 office:

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17 (i) Detailed wage information for each  
18 occupation for each county located in Wyoming as requested  
19 by the legislative service office;

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21 (ii) For school and district employees that  
22 leave school district employment for another business  
23 sector, the employee's occupational title prior to leaving

1 school district employment, their new occupational title  
2 and their new annual wage.

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4 (e) Not later than March 31, 2025, for school year  
5 2024-2025 data and one-time data, and not later than March  
6 31, 2026, for school year 2025-2026 data, the following  
7 shall be reported to the legislative service office:

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9 (i) For school year 2024-2025, and for school  
10 year 2025-2026, the Wyoming retirement system shall report  
11 for each school and district employee, including teachers,  
12 principals and assistant principals, central office  
13 administrators, secretarial and clerical staff, operations  
14 and maintenance staff, aides and media technicians and  
15 student transportation personnel, the date each employee is  
16 eligible to receive one hundred percent (100%) of the  
17 maximum retirement benefit under the Wyoming retirement  
18 system and marital status based on analysis of beneficiary  
19 information;

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21 (ii) The Wyoming department of transportation  
22 shall report:

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1                   (A) The mileage by roadway for the shortest  
2 practicable route between each city or town located in  
3 Wyoming;

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5                   (B) The mileage by roadway, using the  
6 shortest practicable route, from each school district  
7 building or facility to the center of the nearest town with  
8 a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) people or more  
9 and from each school district building or facility to the  
10 center of the nearest city with a population of fifty  
11 thousand (50,000) people or more.

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13                   (iii) The Wyoming department of administration  
14 and information, economic analysis division, shall report  
15 the population for each town, city and county located in  
16 Wyoming.

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18           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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