

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0090

School finance-transportation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Madden and Senator(s) Case,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the
2 reimbursement of school district transportation expenses;
3 specifying payments for transportation expenses separate
4 from the education resource block grant model; making a
5 conforming amendment; providing an appropriation; reducing
6 an appropriation; and providing for an 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. 21-3-314(c)(i) and 21-13-320(a) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **21-3-314. Students counted among district ADM;**
14 **determination of charter school funding.**

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1 (c) As part of the charter school contract, the
2 charter school and the school district shall agree on
3 funding and any services to be provided by the school
4 district to the charter school. The charter school and the
5 school district shall begin discussions on the contract
6 using the following revenue assumptions:

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8 (i) The charter school shall be entitled to the
9 benefit of one hundred percent (100%) of the foundation
10 program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(m) based upon
11 the average daily membership of the charter school, less
12 any district level amounts generated by the charter
13 school's membership under W.S. 21-13-309(m) and less
14 amounts specified under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(E) and
15 21-13-320.

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17 **21-13-320. Student transportation; amount for**
18 **transportation maintenance and operations expenditures and**
19 **school bus purchases; district reporting requirements.**

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21 (a) The amount provided to school districts for the
22 transportation of school children ~~within the education~~
23 ~~resource block grant model pursuant to W.S.~~

1 ~~21-13-309(m)(v)(E)(I)~~ shall be computed in accordance with
2 this section. The amount shall be in addition to the
3 foundation program amount computed for each district under
4 W.S. 21-13-309 and shall be from amounts appropriated by
5 the legislature from the school foundation program account
6 specifically for the purposes of this section. The amounts
7 computed pursuant to this section shall be paid by the
8 state superintendent to each school district as follows:

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10 (i) On or before August 15 of each school year,
11 each school district shall receive ten percent (10%) of its
12 average annual expenditures. The amount shall be the
13 average of the expenditures made by the district for the
14 three (3) immediately preceding school years as reported to
15 the department pursuant to this section; and

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17 (ii) Each school district shall receive nine (9)
18 equal payments for a total of ninety percent (90%) of the
19 amount calculated pursuant to this section based upon total
20 expenditures reported by the district for the immediately
21 preceding school year. The payments shall be made on or
22 about the fifteenth day of each month, with the first
23 payment made in September of each school year.

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2 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-13-309(m) (v) (E) (I) is repealed.

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4 **Section 3.**

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6 (a) For transportation expenditures incurred in
7 school year 2015-2016, school districts shall be reimbursed
8 over the course of the 2016-2017 school year in the same
9 manner and form as years prior and as a part of the
10 operation of the school foundation program administered
11 pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309.

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13 (b) This act shall apply to expenditures by school
14 districts for transportation purposes for school year
15 2016-2017 and each year thereafter. For purposes of
16 calculating the average annual expenditures as required by
17 this act, for the first year of administration, the state
18 superintendent shall utilize transportation expenditures
19 for school years 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to
20 determine the appropriate reimbursement amount to be
21 distributed under W.S. 21-13-320(a) (i) in August 2017 for
22 the school year 2017-2018.

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1 **Section 4.**

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3 (a) There is appropriated up to one hundred million
4 dollars (\$100,000,000.00) from the school foundation
5 program account to the department of education. This
6 appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1,
7 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. This appropriation shall
8 only be expended for the purpose of reimbursing school
9 districts in accordance with this act. Notwithstanding any
10 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
11 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
12 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
13 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
14 2018. This appropriation shall be included in the
15 department of education's 2019-2020 standard biennial
16 budget request.

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18 (b) The state superintendent shall compute the amount
19 appropriated to the department of education pursuant to
20 2016 Senate File 0001 which is attributable to the
21 operation of the education resource block grant model for
22 the purpose of reimbursing school districts for
23 transportation expenses for school year 2017-2018 as

1 calculated pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309 and 21-13-320 prior
2 to the effective date of this act. The appropriation to the
3 department of education pursuant to 2016 Senate File 0001
4 for the operation of the school foundation program shall be
5 reduced by the amount computed by the state superintendent
6 under this subsection. The purpose of the reduction is to
7 reimburse school districts in the 2017-2018 school year for
8 transportation expenses as provided in this act and to
9 reduce accordingly the appropriation in 2016 SF0001 for
10 those same expenses computed pursuant to the law prior to
11 the effective date of this act.

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13 **Section 5.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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