

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0092

School finance-regional cost adjustment.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Madden and Lindholm and
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; providing for use of the
2 2015 hedonic wage index as specified for the regional cost
3 adjustment of the education resource block grant model;
4 modifying definitions as specified; allowing contracts with
5 consultants; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv) and (xvii) and
10 21-13-309(m)(v)(C) are amended to read:

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12 **21-13-101. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this chapter:

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1 (xiv) "Education resource block grant model"
2 means the block grant model for Wyoming school finance
3 contained within the enumeration of model components
4 summarizing and executing recommendations within the 2010
5 cost of education study and the 2015 cost of education
6 study to update the hedonic wage index, as modified by the
7 legislature, as referenced in paragraph (xvii) of this
8 subsection and model spreadsheets, ~~provided by the~~
9 ~~consultant performing the 2010 cost of education study~~
10 updated for technical corrections, all of which are enacted
11 into law, on file with the secretary of state and are
12 maintained and made available for public inspection by the
13 state superintendent under W.S. 21-2-202(e); ~~and as may be~~
14 ~~subsequently modified by the legislature prior to future~~
15 ~~model recalibration required under W.S. 21-13-309(t);~~

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17 (xvii) "Attachment A" to 2011 ~~House Bill 0127~~
18 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185 consists of an
19 enumeration of model components as enacted into law,
20 summarizing and executing recommendations contained within
21 the 2010 cost of education study, as modified by the
22 legislature, ~~and~~ including modification of the hedonic wage
23 index in accordance with the recommendations contained in

1 the 2015 cost of education study. "Attachment A", as
2 modified by the legislature, is hereby incorporated into
3 this chapter by this reference;

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5 **21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in**
6 **foundation program for each district.**

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8 (m) In determining the amount to be included in the
9 foundation program for each district, the state
10 superintendent shall:

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12 (v) Based upon ADM computations and identified
13 school configurations within each district pursuant to
14 paragraph (iv) of this subsection, compute the foundation
15 program amount for each district as prescribed by the
16 education resource block grant model adopted by the Wyoming
17 legislature as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as
18 contained within the spreadsheets and accompanying reports
19 referenced under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii), on file with the
20 secretary of state and maintained by the state
21 superintendent pursuant to W.S. 21-2-202(e). The following
22 criteria shall be used by the state superintendent in the
23 administration of the education resource block grant model:

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2 (C) Salaries for all school and district
3 level staffing categories, including teachers, principals
4 and assistant principals, central office administrators,
5 secretarial and clerical staff, operations and maintenance
6 staff and aides and media technicians, shall be based upon
7 average statewide salary levels calibrated for school year
8 2005-2006 for each staffing category, adjusted under
9 subsection (o) of this section, including the experience,
10 education and responsibility level as appropriate and as
11 computed for each staffing category. The statewide average
12 for each staffing category shall be adjusted for each
13 district based upon the district experience, education and
14 responsibility level relative to the statewide average for
15 that category. District experience, education and
16 responsibility level by appropriate staffing category shall
17 be updated each year such that district adjustments reflect
18 the prior school year staffing information. The district
19 adjusted average salary for each staffing category shall be
20 further adjusted for regional cost differences as measured
21 by the greater of the hedonic wage index, revised pursuant
22 to the 2015 cost of education study, or the Wyoming
23 cost-of-living index computed by the division of economic

1 analysis, department of administration and information,
2 with a minimum of one hundred (100) index value, as
3 prescribed by the education resource block grant model. For
4 purposes of the education resource block grant model, the
5 version of the Wyoming cost-of-living index used by the
6 division shall be based upon the unrecalibrated housing
7 cost index weights unless otherwise determined by the
8 legislature based upon recommendation of the joint
9 education interim committee. In addition, the version of
10 the Wyoming cost-of-living index applied under this
11 subparagraph for any school year shall be the average of
12 the six (6) consecutive semi-annual index reports completed
13 by January 1 of the immediately preceding school year;

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15 **Section 2.**

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17 (a) The hedonic wage index as utilized in operation
18 of the regional cost adjustment within the education
19 resource block grant model pursuant to W.S.
20 21-13-309(m)(v)(C) shall be updated, and the methodology
21 revised, in accordance with the recommendations contained
22 in the 2015 cost of education study to construct the 2015
23 Wyoming hedonic wage index utilizing the auto regressive

1 random effects model conducted pursuant to 2015 Wyoming
2 Session Laws, Chapter 142, Section 4, Section 343.

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4 (b) The legislative service office may retain
5 consultants as necessary to advise in executing the
6 responsibilities prescribed by this act. The management
7 council may expend funds appropriated by the legislature
8 for approved contractual agreements between the council and
9 professional consultants.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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