HOUSE BILL NO. HB0166

Education savings accounts-1.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Clouston and Davis and Senator(s) Barlow and Landen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; authorizing education savings 2 accounts; creating the Wyoming education savings accounts expenditure account; providing for a transfer of funds to 3 4 the Wyoming education savings accounts expenditure account; 5 providing for the use and administration of education 6 savings accounts for education; specifying duties of the 7 state superintendent of public instruction; providing rulemaking authority; making conforming amendments; 8 providing appropriations; authorizing full-time positions; 9 10 and providing for effective dates.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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1	Section 1. W.S. 21-2-901 through 21-2-909 are created
2	to read:
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4	ARTICLE 9
5	WYOMING EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
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7	21-2-901. Short title.
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9	This act shall be known as the "Wyoming Education Savings
10	Accounts Act." The program created by this act shall be
11	known as the "ESA program."
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13	21-2-902. Definitions.
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15	(a) As used in this act:
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17	(i) "Curriculum" means a course of study for
18	content areas or grade levels, including any supplemental
19	materials required or recommended by the curriculum;
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21	(ii) "Education savings account" or "ESA" means
22	the spending account for a child's education to which funds
23	are allocated by the state superintendent of public

- 1 instruction, for which a parent of an ESA student enters
- 2 into an agreement with the state superintendent to choose
- 3 and pay for qualifying education expenses to educate the
- 4 ESA student, subject to the requirements and conditions of
- 5 this act;

- 7 (iii) "Education service provider" means a person
- 8 or organization, including a qualified school, that receives
- 9 payments authorized by a parent from education savings
- 10 accounts to provide educational goods and services to ESA
- 11 students;

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- 13 (iv) "ESA student" means a student eligible for
- 14 an ESA pursuant to W.S. 21-2-904(a) who is participating in
- 15 the ESA program;

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- 17 (v) "Parent" means a resident of this state who
- 18 is the parent or legal guardian of an eligible student or
- 19 ESA student and may include an eligible student or ESA
- 20 student who is an emancipated minor;

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- 22 (vi) "Pre-kindergarten" means an educational
- 23 program with the primary goal of preparing children for

kindergarten that provides up to one (1) school year of 1 education prior to entry into kindergarten; 2 3 4 (vii) "Qualified school" means a pre-kindergarten or a nonpublic primary or secondary 5 school, certified by the state superintendent of public 6 instruction pursuant to W.S. 21-2-906(a), located in or 7 8 that provides education services in this state, that may 9 include through online means; 10 11 (viii) "This act" means W.S. 21-2-901 through 12 21-2-909. 13 14 21-2-903. Education savings accounts; Wyoming education savings accounts expenditure account. 15 16 17 (a) The total amount to be deposited in an education savings account for an ESA student each year shall be 18 19 determined by the student's household income compared to 20 the federal poverty levels, using the most recent federal

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income, as follows:

poverty guidelines for the student's household size and

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1 (i) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for 2 students whose household income is at or below two hundred 3 fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level; 4 5 (ii) thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) Three students whose household income is at or below three 6 hundred fifty percent (350%) of the federal poverty level 7 8 but more than two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level; 9 10 11 (iii) One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for 12 students whose household income is at or below four hundred 13 percent (400%) of the federal poverty level but more than three hundred fifty percent (350%) of the federal poverty 14 level. 15 16 17 (b) Payments to ESAs under this act shall be made by the state superintendent of public instruction from the 18 19 Wyoming education savings accounts expenditure account, 20 which is hereby created. The Wyoming education savings 21 accounts expenditure account shall consist of funds

transferred to the expenditure account and other funds

appropriated by the legislature to the expenditure account.

- 1 All earnings from investment of the expenditure account
- 2 shall be credited to the expenditure account. Any
- 3 unencumbered, unobligated balance of the expenditure
- 4 account at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert but
- 5 shall remain in the expenditure account and shall be
- 6 expended to fund ESAs as provided by this act.

- 8 (c) Payments to each approved ESA shall be disbursed
- 9 on a quarterly basis by the state superintendent.

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- 21-2-904. ESA program eligibility; parent agreement;
- 12 ESA administration.

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- 14 (a) Subject to the availability of funds as
- 15 determined by the legislature, any child who is a Wyoming
- 16 resident, who meets one (1) of the following
- 17 qualifications, and subject to W.S. 21-2-903(a), shall be
- 18 eligible to receive an ESA subject to the provisions of
- 19 this act:

- 21 (i) The child has not graduated from high school
- 22 or received a high school equivalency certificate and is
- 23 eligible to attend a public school in this state; or

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2	(ii) The child is not less than four (4) years
3	of age as of August 1 of the year in which the application
4	for an ESA is made and has not yet attained the age to
5	attend public school in this state.
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7	(b) To participate in the ESA program, the custodial
8	parent of an ESA student shall sign an agreement with the
9	state superintendent that:
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L1	(i) Requires use of the ESA funds for the
L2	following qualifying expenses to educate the ESA student:
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L 4	(A) Tuition and fees at a qualified school;
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L6	(B) Tutoring services provided by an
L7	individual or a tutoring facility. The tutoring services
L8	shall not be provided by an ESA student's immediate family;
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20	(C) Services contracted for and provided by
21	a public school district, including services provided by a

public charter school. Services under this subparagraph may

1	include, without limitation, individual classes and
2	extracurricular activities and programs;
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4	(D) Textbooks, curriculum and other
5	instructional materials, including, but not limited to, any
6	supplemental materials or associated online instruction
7	required by either a curriculum or an education service
8	provider;
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10	(E) Computer hardware or other
11	technological devices that are primarily used to help meet
12	an ESA student's educational needs;
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14	(F) Educational software and applications;
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16	(G) School uniforms;
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18	(H) Fees for nationally standardized
19	assessments, advanced placement examinations, examinations
20	related to college or university admission and tuition and
21	fees for preparatory courses for the exams;
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1	(J) Tuition and fees for summer education
2	programs and specialized after school education programs;
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4	(K) Tuition, fees, instructional materials
5	and examination fees at a career or technical school;
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7	(M) Educational services and therapies
8	including, but not limited to, occupational, behavioral,
9	physical, speech-language and audiology therapies;
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11	(N) Tuition and fees at an institution of
12	higher education;
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14	(O) Fees for transportation paid to a
15	fee-for-service transportation provider for the student to
16	travel to and from an education service provider;
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18	(P) Any other educational expense approved
19	by the state superintendent.
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21	(ii) For students eligible for an ESA under
22	paragraph (a)(i) of this section:
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1	(A) Requires that the ESA student receive
2	instruction in, at minimum, reading, writing, mathematics,
3	civics, history, literature and science. No parent shall be
4	required to include any instruction that conflicts with the
5	parent's or the ESA student's religious doctrines;
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7	(B) Requires that the ESA student take the
8	statewide assessments administered pursuant to W.S.
9	21-2-304(a) or a nationally normed achievement exam;
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11	(C) Certifies that the ESA student is not,
12	or will not be, enrolled in a public school district upon
13	receipt of the ESA and releases the applicable school
14	district from all obligations to educate the ESA student.
15	This subparagraph shall not:
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17	(I) Require an eligible student to
18	withdraw from a public school district before applying for
19	or receiving an ESA if the student withdraws from the

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monies in the student's ESA;

public school district before receiving or expending any

1 (II) Prevent a qualified student from 2 applying in advance for an ESA student to be funded 3 beginning the following school year; or 4 (III) Prevent a public school district 5 from charging an ESA for any services provided to the 6 7 qualified student to the extent authorized by law. 8 9 (D) Requires that the ESA student receive 10 instruction in the essentials of the United States 11 constitution and the constitution of the state of Wyoming, 12 including the study of and devotion to American institution and ideals. The willful failure of the parents of the ESA 13 student to ensure the ESA student receives the instruction 14 15 under this subparagraph shall be sufficient cause for the 16 state superintendent to determine the ESA student is no 17 longer eligible for the ESA program. 18 19 Funds in an ESA shall not be refunded, rebated or 20 shared with a parent of an ESA student in any manner. Any refund or rebate for goods or services purchased with ESA 21

funds shall be credited directly to the student's ESA.

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1	(d) Parents may make payments for costs of
2	educational goods and services not covered by the funds in
3	the ESA. Personal deposits into an ESA shall not be
4	permitted.
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6	(e) An ESA shall remain active and any unused funds
7	shall not revert until the parent withdraws the ESA student
8	from the ESA program or until the ESA student is no longer
9	eligible for the ESA program, unless the ESA is closed
10	because of a substantial misuse of funds. When an ESA is
11	closed, any unused funds shall revert to the Wyoming
12	education savings accounts expenditure account.
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14	(f) Nothing in this act shall be construed to require
15	an ESA student to be enrolled, full-time or part-time, in a
16	nonpublic school. An ESA student receiving individualized
17	instruction in a non-school setting shall not be construed
18	to be a student of a home-based educational program as
19	defined in W.S. 21-4-101(a)(v).
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21-2-905. Application, award and allocation of ESAs.

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public instruction to establish an ESA for an eligible 2

3 student.

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5 (b) The state superintendent shall establish

procedures for approving applications in an expeditious 6

7 manner.

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9 (c) The state superintendent shall create a standard

form that parents may submit to establish their student's 10

11 eligibility for the ESA program and shall ensure that the

application form is publicly available and that completed 12

applications may be submitted through various sources, 13

including the internet. 14

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16 (d) Except as provided under subsection (e) of this

17 section, the state superintendent shall approve

application for an ESA if: 18

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20 (i) The parent submits an application for an ESA

21 in accordance with application procedures established by

the state superintendent; 22

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             (ii) The student is an eligible student pursuant
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    to W.S. 21-2-904(a);
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             (iii) Funds are available for the ESA;
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             (iv) The parent signs an agreement with the
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    state superintendent as provided in W.S. 21-2-904(b).
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             Seventy percent (70%) of the ESAs
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    awarded to
                   students eligible
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    21-2-904(a)(i) and the remaining thirty percent (30%) shall
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    be
        awarded to
                      students eligible pursuant to W.S.
    21-2-904(a)(ii) each year. If the number of applications
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    for ESAs exceeds the available funds for any school year,
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    first-served basis, except preference shall be given to an
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    eligible student who received funds under the ESA program
    in the immediately preceding school year.
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         (f) For students eligible for an ESA under W.S.
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    21-2-904(a)(i), the following shall apply:
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school.

1 (i) A signed agreement between the parent and 2 state superintendent under W.S. 21-2-904(b) shall satisfy the compulsory school attendance requirements of W.S. 3 4 21-4-102 and the parent shall annually provide the student's resident public school district notice of intent 5 to participate in the ESA program; 6 7 8 (ii) Upon notice to the state superintendent, an 9 ESA student may choose to stop receiving an ESA and enroll 10 full-time in a public school. Enrolling as a full-time student in a public school shall result in the immediate 11 12 suspension of payment of additional funds to the student's ESA and the state superintendent may close the ESA. If an 13 eligible student applies to the state superintendent to 14 15 return to the ESA program, payments into the student's 16 existing ESA may resume if the ESA is still open and 17 active. A new ESA may be established if an eligible student's ESA was closed; 18 19 20 (iii) The state superintendent may adopt rules 21 and policies to provide the least disruptive process for

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ESA students who choose to enroll full-time in a public

2 21-2-906. Duties of the state superintendent of

3 public instruction to administer the education savings

4 accounts program.

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6 (a) The state superintendent of public instruction

7 shall:

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(i) Establish a certification process for 9

education service providers, which shall, at minimum, 10

11 ESA students attending qualified schools in ensure

12 kindergarten through grade twelve (12) receive instruction

13 in reading, writing, mathematics, civics, history,

literature and science and for pre-kindergarten ensure ESA 14

students at minimum receive instruction necessary for 15

16 preparation to enter kindergarten;

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18 (ii) Maintain a list of certified education

19 service providers and ensure the list is available to

parents of ESA students. The list shall enable the 20

education service provider to indicate if the education 21

22 service provider is accepting new ESA students;

1 (iii) Provide parents with a written explanation 2 of the qualified expenses for ESA funds, the 3 responsibilities of parents and the duties of the state 4 superintendent related to administration of the ESA 5 program; 6 7 (iv) For students eligible for an ESA under W.S. 8 21-2-904(a)(i), ensure that parents of ESA students with disabilities receive notice that participation in the ESA 9 10 program is a parental placement under 20 U.S.C. § 1412, 11 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), along 12 with an explanation of the rights that parentally placed students possess under IDEA and any applicable state laws 13 and regulations; 14 15 16 (v) If determined necessary by the 17 superintendent, contract with one (1) or more private organizations to administer the ESA program or specific 18 19 functions of the ESA program including, without limitation, 20 contracting with private financial management firms to 21 manage ESAs. The state superintendent shall comply with 22 applicable procurement statutes and rules in

services under this paragraph;

funds in the ESA;

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2	(vi) Implement a commercially viable,
3	cost-effective and user-friendly system for payment of
4	services from ESAs to education service providers by
5	electronic or online funds transfer. The payment system
6	shall not rely exclusively on requiring parents to be
7	reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses. The payment system
8	shall provide maximum flexibility to parents by
9	facilitating direct payments to education service providers
10	as well as requests for pre-approval of and reimbursements
11	for qualifying expenses listed in W.S. 21-2-904(b)(i). The
12	state superintendent may contract with private
13	organizations to develop the payment system;
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15	(vii) Continue certifying deposits into a
16	student's ESA until:
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18	(A) The state superintendent determines
19	that the ESA student is no longer an eligible student;
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21	(B) The state superintendent determines
22	there was an intentional and substantial misuse of the

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2 (C) The ESA student withdraws from the ESA

3 program; or

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5 (D) The ESA student enrolls full-time in a

6 public school.

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8 (viii) Conduct or contract for the auditing of

individual ESAs and shall at a minimum conduct or contract 9

10 for audits of not less than two percent (2%) of all ESAs,

selected randomly, on an annual basis; 11

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13 (ix) Investigate reports of intentional and substantial misuse of ESA funds and prohibit an eligible 14 15 ESA student from receipt of ESA funds if the state 16 superintendent determines that the ESA student or 17 student's parent intentionally and substantially misused ESA funds. The state superintendent shall by rule create 18 19 procedures to ensure that a fair process exists 20 determine whether an intentional and substantial misuse of 21 ESA funds has occurred. The state superintendent shall have 22 the authority to refer suspected cases of intentional and

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substantial misuse of ESA funds to the department of audit

1	or the attorney general for investigation if evidence of
2	fraudulent use of ESA funds is obtained;
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4	(x) Establish rules to prohibit an education
5	service provider from accepting payments from ESAs if the
6	state superintendent determines the education service
7	provider has:
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9	(A) Intentionally and substantially
10	misrepresented information or failed to refund any
11	overpayments in a timely manner; or
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13	(B) Routinely failed to provide students
14	with required educational goods or services.
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16	(xi) Notify parents and ESA students within ten

16 (x1) Notify parents and ESA students within ter

17 (10) business days if the state superintendent prohibits an

18 education service provider from receiving ESA funds under

19 paragraph (x) of this subsection;

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21 (xii) For students eligible for an ESA under 22 W.S. 21-2-904(a)(i), ensure ESA students, who choose to,

23 participate in the statewide assessments administered

- 1 pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a) and compile the assessment
- 2 results to analyze student proficiency and academic
- 3 progress among the students participating in the ESA
- 4 program, including an analysis of graduation rates,
- 5 proficiency and progress based on grade level. The results
- 6 of the analysis under this paragraph shall be included in
- 7 the annual report required pursuant to W.S. 21-2-204(k).

- 9 (b) If an education service provider requires partial 10 payment of tuition or fees prior to the start of the school
- 11 year to reserve space for an ESA student admitted to the
- 12 education service provider, the state superintendent may
- 13 certify the partial payment prior to the start of the
- 14 school year in which the ESA is awarded and deduct that
- 15 amount from subsequent quarterly ESA deposits. If an ESA
- 16 student decides not to use the education service provider,
- 17 the partial payment made under this subsection shall be
- 18 returned to the state superintendent by the education
- 19 service provider and credited to the student's ESA.

- 21 (c) The state superintendent may adopt rules that are
- 22 not inconsistent with this act and that are necessary for
- 23 the administration of this act including rules:

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2	(i) Establishing or contracting for the
3	establishment of an online anonymous fraud reporting
4	service;
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6	(ii) Establishing an anonymous telephone hotline
7	for fraud reporting;
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9	(iii) Requiring a surety bond for education
10	service providers receiving more than one hundred fifty
11	thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) in ESA funds; and
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13	(iv) Establishing a procedure for refunding
14	payments from education service providers to ESAs;
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16	(v) Establishing a process for determining the
17	ESA student is no longer eligible for the ESA program for a
18	failure of the ESA student to receive instruction in the
19	essentials of the United States constitution and the
20	constitution of the state of Wyoming under W.S.
21	21-2-904(b)(ii)(D).
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21-2-907. Education service providers.

1 2 (a) Before receiving payment from an ESA, а 3 prospective education service provider shall: 4 5 (i) Be certified by the state superintendent of public instruction pursuant to W.S. 21-2-906(a) to receive 6 payments from ESAs; 7 8 (ii) Agree not to refund, rebate or share ESA 9 10 funds with parents or ESA students in any manner, except 11 that funds may be remitted or refunded to an ESA in 12 accordance with procedures established by the state 13 superintendent. 14 Nothing in this act shall be deemed to limit the 15 (b) 16 independence or autonomy of an education service provider 17 or to make the actions of an education service provider the actions of state government or public school district. 18 19 20 (c) Education service providers shall be given 21 maximum freedom to provide instruction and services in their usual and customary manner to meet the educational 22

needs of ESA students.

2 (d) An education service provider that accepts

3 payment from an ESA pursuant to this act is not an agent of

4 the state or federal government or a public school

5 district.

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7 (e) Nothing in this act shall be construed to expand

8 the regulatory authority of the state, its officers, or any

9 school district to impose any additional regulation of

10 education service providers beyond those necessary to

11 enforce the requirements of the ESA program.

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13 (f) An education service provider shall not be

14 required to alter its creed, practices, admission policy or

15 curriculum to accept payments authorized by a parent from

16 an ESA.

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18 21-2-908. Responsibilities of public schools and

19 school districts.

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21 A public school or school district that previously enrolled

22 an ESA student shall provide an education service provider

23 that has enrolled the ESA student with a complete copy of

- 1 the ESA student's school records as necessary, while
- 2 complying with 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, the Family Educational
- 3 Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

5 21-2-909. Legal liability.

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- 7 liability shall arise on the part of the state No
- 8 superintendent of public instruction or the state or any
- public school or school district based on the award of or 9
- 10 use of an ESA pursuant to this act.

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- 12 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-4-102 by creating a new subsection
- (d), 21-4-301 and 21-13-310(a)(ix) are amended to read: 13

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- 21-4-102. When attendance required; exemptions; 15
- 16 withdrawal.

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- (d) A child participating in the ESA program 18
- 19 specified by W.S. 21-2-901 and who provides notice of
- 20 participation in the ESA program to the child's school
- district shall be deemed to be in compliance with the 21
- compulsory attendance requirement under this section. 22

1 21-4-301. Schools to be free and accessible to all

2 children; minimum school year.

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4 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the public schools of each school district in the state shall at all 5 times be equally free and accessible to all children 6 resident therein of five (5) years of age as of August 1, 7 or September 15 if pursuant to an approved request under 8 W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxxviii), of the year in which they may 9 10 register in kindergarten as provided in W.S. 21-4-302(b) 11 age of twenty-one (21), subject to and under the 12 regulations of the board of trustees. Each school district 13 shall operate its schools and its classes for a minimum of one hundred seventy-five (175) days each school year unless 14 15 an alternative schedule has been approved by the state 16 board. Prior to submission of a proposed alternative 17 schedule to the state board, the board of trustees shall 18 hold at least two (2) advertised public meetings within the 19 district, at which the board shall present the proposed 20 alternative schedule and respond to public questions and 21 comments. Any school district operating under an 22 alternative schedule shall annually evaluate the

1 effectiveness of that schedule in meeting the educational 2 goals and purposes for which the schedule was adopted. 3 4 (b) A parent, guardian or other person having control 5 or charge of any child eligible to attend public school in Wyoming under subsection (a) of this section shall have the 6 option to apply for the ESA program specified by W.S. 7 8 21-2-901 on behalf of the child. 9 10 21-13-310. Annual computation of district revenues. 11 12 To ensure revenues available to each district are uniformly sufficient to enable compliance with the uniform 13 standards for educational programs prescribed under W.S. 14 15 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and to secure state board 16 accreditation of educational programs under W.S. 17 21-2-304(a)(ii), the revenues specified under this

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an annual computation of the following revenues:

subsection shall be deemed state revenues and shall be

considered in determining the amount to be distributed to

each district under W.S. 21-13-311. A district shall make

1 (ix) The amount of tuition paid to the district 2 during the previous school year, including any amount 3 charged under W.S. 21-4-501 and any amount assessed in 4 excess of the costs incurred for adult education programs, 5 school programs, programs provided under summer an agreement for cooperative educational programs under W.S. 6 21-20-101 through 21-20-111 and any amount assessed for 7 8 programs and services for children with disabilities, but 9 excluding any tuition assessed by a district for the 10 provision of virtual education programs to participating 11 students pursuant to W.S. 21-13-330, any tuition assessed 12 by a district for the provision of part-time educational 13 programs to participating students pursuant to W.S. 21-2-904(b)(i)(C) and 21-4-502(c), any revenues received by 14 15 a district from post secondary education option programs 16 provided under W.S. 21-20-201 or for the provision of 17 educational programs to a nonresident student placed in a juvenile detention facility pursuant to an agreement with 18 19 the student's resident school district;

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Section 3. There is appropriated twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) from the general fund to the education savings accounts expenditure account created by

- 1 W.S. 21-2-903(b) for purposes of the Wyoming education
- 2 savings accounts program. This appropriation shall be
- 3 subject to the terms of W.S. 21-2-903(b).

5 Section 4.

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- 7 (a) The department of education is authorized two (2)
- 8 full-time employees for the purposes of this act. There is
- 9 appropriated four hundred eighty thousand dollars
- 10 (\$480,000.00) from the general fund for the salary and
- 11 benefits of the positions created by this section for the
- 12 period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.
- 13 These funds shall not be transferred or expended for any
- 14 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
- 15 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
- 16 by law. It is the intent of the legislature that four
- 17 hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$480,000.00) and these
- 18 positions be included in the department of education's
- 19 standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal
- 20 biennium.

- 22 (b) There is appropriated to the department of
- 23 education four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) from

1 the general fund for contractual services (900 series) 2 necessary to implement this act for the period beginning 3 July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026. These funds shall 4 not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and 5 any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law. It is the 6 intent of the legislature that four hundred thousand 7 8 dollars (\$400,000.00) for contractual services (900 series) 9 necessary to implement this act be included in the 10 department of education's standard budget for the 11 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. As a condition of 12 this appropriation, the department of education shall 13 regularly report on the expenditures from the appropriation under this subsection to the legislature through the joint 14 15 education interim committee.

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17 Section **5.** The state superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules and take other actions as 18 19 necessary to enable students to enroll in the ESA program 20 created by this act for school year 2025-2026. The state 21 superintendent shall begin accepting applications for the ESA program not later than January 1, 2025. 22

1 Section 6. 2 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of 3 4 this section, this act is effective July 1, 2024. 5 (b) Sections 1 and 2 of this act are effective January 1, 2025. 7 8 (c) Section 3 of this act is effective July 1, 2025. 9 10 11 (END)