

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0180

School finance amendments-5.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Clem, Blackburn, Edwards,  
Hallinan, Jennings, Miller and Pownall and  
Senator(s) Bebout, Driskill, Hicks and  
Kinskey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; amending the education  
2 resource block grant model; amending the average daily  
3 membership calculation; conforming provisions; and  
4 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.** W.S. 21-9-101(d), 21-13-101(a)(xvii) and  
9 21-13-309(m)(iv)(A) and (v)(C) are amended to read:

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11 **21-9-101. Educational programs for schools;**  
12 **standards; core of knowledge and skills; special needs**  
13 **programs; class size requirements; cocurricular activities.**

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1 (d) In addition to subsections (b) and (c) of this  
2 section, each school district within this state shall  
3 endeavor to maintain when practicable, in kindergarten  
4 through grade three (3) within the district, an average  
5 class size of no more than ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18)  
6 students per teacher, excluding children with disabilities  
7 who spend more than fifty percent (50%) of their time  
8 outside of regular classroom instruction.

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10 **21-13-101. Definitions.**

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12 (a) As used in this chapter:

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14 (xvii) "Attachment A" to 2011 House Bill 0127 as  
15 amended by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, 2017  
16 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 205 and 2018 House Bill 0180  
17 consists of an enumeration of model components as enacted  
18 into law, summarizing and executing recommendations  
19 contained within the 2010 cost of education study, as  
20 modified by the legislature, and is hereby incorporated  
21 into this chapter by this reference;

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1           **21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in**  
2 **foundation program for each district.**

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4           (m) In determining the amount to be included in the  
5 foundation program for each district, the state  
6 superintendent shall:

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8           (iv) Based upon reports from each district on  
9 schools operating within that district for the current  
10 school year and on grade configurations contained within  
11 each reported school during that school year, compute the  
12 average daily membership (ADM) for each reported school and  
13 each grade within each reported school in accordance with  
14 identified grade configurations subject to the following:

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16           (A) If the district's average daily  
17 membership (ADM) ADM for the three (3) immediately  
18 preceding school years is greater than the district's ADM  
19 from the previous school year, each reported school shall  
20 be computed based upon the average of the school's ADM  
21 counts completed at the end of the three (3) immediately  
22 preceding school years, or otherwise each reported school

1 within the district shall be computed based on the school's  
2 ADM for the previous school year; ~~whichever is greater;~~

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4 (v) Based upon ADM computations and identified  
5 school configurations within each district pursuant to  
6 paragraph (iv) of this subsection, compute the foundation  
7 program amount for each district as prescribed by the  
8 education resource block grant model adopted by the Wyoming  
9 legislature as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as  
10 contained within the spreadsheets and accompanying reports  
11 referenced under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii). The following  
12 criteria shall be used by the state superintendent in the  
13 administration of the education resource block grant model:

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15 (C) Salaries for all school and district  
16 level staffing categories, including teachers, principals  
17 and assistant principals, central office administrators,  
18 secretarial and clerical staff, operations and maintenance  
19 staff and aides and media technicians, shall be based upon  
20 average statewide salary levels calibrated under  
21 "Attachment A" for each staffing category, adjusted under  
22 subsection (o) of this section, including the experience,  
23 education and responsibility level as appropriate and as

1 computed for each staffing category. The statewide average  
2 for each staffing category shall be adjusted for each  
3 district based upon the district experience, education and  
4 responsibility level relative to the statewide average for  
5 that category. District experience, education and  
6 responsibility level by appropriate staffing category shall  
7 be updated each year such that district adjustments reflect  
8 the prior school year staffing information. The district  
9 adjusted average salary for each staffing category shall be  
10 further adjusted for regional cost differences as measured  
11 by the ~~greater of the hedonic wage index or the Wyoming~~  
12 ~~cost-of-living index computed by the division of economic~~  
13 ~~analysis, department of administration and information,~~  
14 ~~with a minimum of one hundred (100) index value, as~~  
15 ~~prescribed by the education resource block grant model. For~~  
16 ~~purposes of the education resource block grant model, the~~  
17 ~~version of the Wyoming cost-of-living index used by the~~  
18 ~~division shall be based upon the unrecalibrated housing~~  
19 ~~cost index weights unless otherwise determined by the~~  
20 ~~legislature based upon recommendation of the joint~~  
21 ~~education interim committee. In addition, the version of~~  
22 ~~the Wyoming cost-of-living index applied under this~~  
23 ~~subparagraph for any school year shall be the average of~~

1 ~~the six (6) consecutive semi-annual index reports completed~~  
2 ~~by January 1 of the immediately preceding school year~~  
3 comparable wage index computed in accordance with the 2017  
4 cost of education study;

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6 **Section 2.** 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185,  
7 Attachment "A"(b)(ii) and (iii) is amended to read:

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9 ATTACHMENT "A"

10 ATTACHMENT "A" CONTAINS AN ENUMERATION OF  
11 EDUCATION RESOURCE BLOCK GRANT MODEL COMPONENTS  
12 SUMMARIZING AND EXECUTING RECOMMENDATIONS  
13 CONTAINED IN THE 2010 COST OF EDUCATION STUDY AS  
14 FOLLOWS:

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16 (b) Notwithstanding components specified in  
17 the 2010 cost of education study accepted by the  
18 legislature, the Wyoming education resource block  
19 grant model components and the resourcing for  
20 those components, as enacted by the legislature,  
21 shall be as follows:

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1                   (ii) Class size: ~~16~~18 for grades  
 2   Kindergarten  
 3   through 5;  
 4   ~~21~~23 for grades 6  
 5   through 12.

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 7                   (iii) Core teachers: Elementary school  
 8   ADM divided by ~~16~~  
 9   18;  
 10    Middle school ADM  
 11    divided by ~~21~~23;  
 12    High school ADM  
 13    divided by ~~21~~23.

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 15           **Section 3.** 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185,  
 16 Attachment "A"(b)(xxv) as amended by 2017 Wyoming Session  
 17 Laws, Chapter 205 Attachment "A"(b)(xxv) is amended to  
 18 read:

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 20   ATTACHMENT "A"  
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 22           EDUCATION RESOURCE BLOCK GRANT MODEL COMPONENTS  
 23           SUMMARIZING AND EXECUTING RECOMMENDATIONS

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8 those components, as enacted by the legislature,  
9 shall be as follows:

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11 (xxv) Vocational education: 0.29 times  
12 FTE vocational  
13 education ADM;  
14 \$9,428.77/FTE  
15 vocational  
16 education teacher  
17 for equipment and  
18 supplies;  
19 On a prorated  
20 basis, an  
21 additional one (1)  
22 vocational  
23 education teacher



1 for every four  
2 hundred (400) high  
3 school ADM.

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5 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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