

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0230

School safety and security.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Winters, Byrd, Freeman,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school safety and security; establishing
2 supplemental financial assistance available to school
3 districts for school resource officers for protection and
4 safety of schools; specifying eligibility for and
5 distribution of assistance and granting rulemaking
6 authority for program administration; establishing a task
7 force through the department of education addressing school
8 safety and security planning; providing appropriations; and
9 providing for an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1.**

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15 (a) For school year 2013-2014, supplemental financial
16 assistance shall be made available to school districts to

1 acquire school resource officers for enhancing the
2 protection and safety of students, faculty and staff
3 attending or employed within the schools of the district.

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5 (b) Each school district may apply to the department
6 of education for financial assistance under this section on
7 or before July 1, 2013 on a form and in a manner prescribed
8 by the department. Assistance shall be based upon prior
9 school year attendance reports. Application review shall
10 be in accordance with a process established by department
11 rule and regulation which at minimum, shall require
12 documentation of the following:

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14 (i) The district's safety and security plan,
15 identifying how the district would deploy supplemental
16 assistance under this section and describing the impact of
17 the program on school operations;

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19 (ii) Assurance that the district would restrict
20 expenditures of supplemental assistance to the costs of
21 employing school resource officers and not expend
22 assistance for safety and security equipment and other
23 related capital outlays;

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1 (iii) A report of any federal funds available to
2 the applicant district for the costs of employing school
3 resource officers or security aides within its schools.

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5 (c) On or before August 1, 2013, the department shall
6 notify each district of its eligibility to receive
7 financial assistance, together with an estimate of the
8 amount of assistance the eligible district would receive
9 during school year 2013-2014. The department shall
10 distribute assistance under this section to each eligible
11 district on or before October 15, 2013.

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13 (d) Financial assistance under this section shall be
14 based upon prior year attendance reports submitted by each
15 eligible school district pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(m)(iv).
16 The amount of assistance shall be computed by the
17 department for the eligible applicant district as if the
18 education resource block grant model contained a component
19 for school resource officers generating one (1) FTE
20 position for a total district ADM of one thousand (1,000)
21 or less, and one (1) additional FTE position for each
22 additional one thousand (1,000) district ADM thereafter.
23 The FTE positions shall be funded at a salary equal to
24 forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$49,500.00) per

1 school year, adjusted for regional cost differences as
2 determined for each district under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(C),
3 but not adjusted for any other compensation-related
4 benefit. The amount received under this subsection shall
5 also be reduced by all federal funds received by the school
6 district for the purpose of funding salaries for school
7 resource officers. Each full-time equivalent position
8 generated under this subsection above the first FTE shall
9 be prorated up and down from the specified FTE position
10 level specified for each district similar to computational
11 operation of other components within the block grant model.
12 "FTE" and "ADM" as used in this section shall be as defined
13 in ATTACHMENT "A", as referenced in W.S.
14 21-13-101(a)(xvii).

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16 (e) Financial assistance to each qualifying applicant
17 school district shall be made by the department from
18 amounts appropriated by the legislature from the foundation
19 program account for purposes of the program established by
20 this section and shall be in addition to the foundation
21 program amount computed for that district under W.S.
22 21-13-309(p). If there is an insufficient amount within
23 the school foundation program account from amounts
24 appropriated by the legislature for financial assistance

1 under this section, the department shall make a pro rata
2 reduction in financial assistance payments among all
3 qualifying districts. District expenditures of amounts
4 distributed under this section shall be solely for district
5 security resource officers in accordance with the safety
6 and security plan submitted by the district under
7 subsection (b) of this section. The department may
8 withhold or request repayment of a portion or the entire
9 amount to be distributed to any district under this section
10 for noncompliance with program documentation required to be
11 submitted by the applicant district. Any appropriated
12 amounts not expended or encumbered under this section as of
13 July 1, 2014, including any amounts distributed to
14 districts which are not spent by July 1, 2014, shall revert
15 to the foundation program account.

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17 (f) Each district shall report to the department of
18 education on expenditures of amounts distributed under this
19 section together with additional information required by
20 the department on use of school resource officers and an
21 evaluation of the impact of these officers on the
22 effectiveness of the district's school safety and security
23 programs as documented by data. The department shall
24 compile the information reported by districts under this

1 subsection and on or before October 1, 2014, report the
2 compilation to the joint education interim committee. In
3 addition and not later than December 31, 2013, the
4 department shall provide recommendations to the committee
5 on future program structure and funding.

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7 **Section 2.** For the school year commencing July 1,
8 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, two million three hundred
9 thousand dollars (\$2,300,000.00) is appropriated from the
10 school foundation program account to the department of
11 education to fund the safety and security supplemental
12 assistance program created under and subject to
13 requirements specified under section 1 of this act.

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15 **Section 3.**

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17 (a) The governor's office shall appoint a task force
18 comprised of representatives of a variety of agencies
19 including school district personnel, department of
20 education employees, local fire and law enforcement,
21 department of health, department of homeland security and
22 school facilities department to develop guidelines and
23 protocols for the safety and security of students and staff
24 within school buildings. The task force shall provide

1 common components of school safety and security plans which
2 include but are not limited to:

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4 (i) Identification of building crisis teams and
5 provision of continual plan updating, including regular and
6 periodic testing and scheduled safety drills;

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8 (ii) Establishment of evacuation routes, on-site
9 safe areas within the building, off-site shelters,
10 communication methods and protocols, identification of and
11 access to supplies and equipment to assist staff in a
12 crisis and identification and location of school plans,
13 facility information and keys;

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15 (iii) Mechanisms for fully informing teachers
16 and staff of student risk behaviors that directly affect
17 school safety and security;

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19 (iv) Training programs for teachers and staff on
20 the school safety and security plan and the reporting of
21 unusual behavior to school leaders and proper authorities
22 for each school building;

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1 (v) Training programs for teachers and staff on
2 positive and proactive actions necessary to address
3 students displaying risky behavior and techniques for
4 meeting with parents regarding risky behavior and building
5 positive school environments;

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7 (vi) Protocols and actions for maintaining
8 control of building access during the time schools are in
9 operation;

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11 (vii) Mechanisms and procedures for the conduct
12 of periodic safety and security audits in consultation with
13 school resource officers and law enforcement agencies.

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15 (b) The task force appointed under subsection (a) of
16 this section shall assemble recommendations in sufficient
17 time for use by the department of education in conducting
18 workshops and other programs during school year 2013-2014
19 pertaining to school district safety and security planning
20 and other activities.

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22 (c) There is appropriated thirty thousand dollars
23 (\$30,000.00) from the general fund to the governor's
24 office. This appropriation shall be for the period

1 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
2 June 30, 2014. This appropriation shall only be expended
3 for the purpose of funding mileage authorized for task
4 force members who are not state employees. Task force
5 members shall be entitled to receive mileage at the rate
6 authorized state employees in W.S. 9-3-103. Notwithstanding
7 any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
8 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
9 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
10 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
11 2014. This appropriation shall not be included in the
12 office's 2015-2016 standard biennial budget request.

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14 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
15 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
16 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
17 Constitution.

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