

ENROLLED ACT NO. 44, SENATE

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2010 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to school finance; establishing and funding the supplemental assistance program for student enrichment instruction; establishing assistance criteria and imposing duties upon the department of education; imposing reporting requirements; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) For the 2010-2011 school year only, the department of education may provide financial assistance to school districts which is in addition to amounts available under the education resource block grant model. Supplemental assistance under this section shall augment district resources available for provision of student enrichment instruction, shall be limited to enrichment instruction provided during summer sessions beyond the required school year under W.S. 21-13-307(a)(ii) or occurring on days other than regular school days as specified in W.S. 21-13-334(c). The program shall also be limited to programs complying with program requirements and criteria established by rule and regulation of the department. The department may provide technical assistance to districts in supplemental assistance application under this section and in program development and implementation, focusing on program curriculum, instruction, assessment and accountability.

(b) Each school district may apply to the department of education for supplemental assistance under this section on or before April 15, 2010. Application shall be on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department and at minimum, shall include:

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(i) A description of program content including enrichment learning strategies to be employed;

(ii) Evidence that proposed enrichment learning strategies included in the instructional program are research-based;

(iii) Documentation of the use of any national sources for discovering, establishing and implementing research-based instructional practices;

(iv) A plan for evaluating participating student progress and analyzing the effectiveness of the enrichment instruction program.

(c) On or before May 15, 2010, application review by the department shall be completed and selected districts shall be notified of any estimated assistance allocation to be made available to the district for the applicable school session. Supplemental assistance allocations shall be determined from among all applications filed with the department based upon the extent to which the applicant district program complies with the following criteria:

(i) Research-based, quality instructional opportunities provided for students to meet or exceed state and local academic program standards through academic enrichment supporting student learning and development, which reinforce and complement regular academic programs;

(ii) Linkage of program components to academic standards;

(iii) Learning opportunities and activities available under the program are clearly distinguishable and different from district programs offered during the regular school day or during the regular school year;

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(iv) Evaluation instruments and processes to be implemented and established for determining program effectiveness.

(d) Determinations of supplemental assistance distributions under this section shall be in addition to and not considered in determining the school foundation program amount under W.S. 21-13-309. Assistance shall be available to recipient districts during the school session for which application is made, and shall be distributed periodically by the department on a payment schedule established by the department and the recipient district as necessary to reimburse the district for incurred program costs, provided the total amount reimbursed to that district does not exceed the total amount established by the department as that district's portion of the total legislative appropriation for the applicable school session.

(e) On or before October 1, 2010, each recipient district that received funding under this act for a summer program beyond the required school year under W.S. 21-13-307(a)(ii), and on or before May 1, 2011, each recipient district that received funding under this act for a program occurring on days other than regular school days as specified in W.S. 21-13-334(c), shall report to the department of education on expenditures of amounts distributed under this section together with additional information required by the department on enrichment strategies employed by the district, the impact of the program on student performance and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the enrichment strategies employed by the recipient district. If the recipient district received prior student enrichment assistance from the department pursuant to previous legislative enactment and funding, the report shall include an analysis and evaluation of program impact on student performance and enrichment strategies over the combined period of time the district operated the program using state funds specific to this program. The

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department shall compile the information reported by districts under this subsection, and report to the joint education interim committee, together with program recommendations.

Section 2. For the period beginning on the effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2011, four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education to be expended as necessary to implement section 1 of this act.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk