

SENATE FILE NO. SF0055

Energy and natural resource education initiative.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to a statewide energy and natural resource
2 education initiative; requiring the governor's policy
3 office to oversee initiative development; specifying
4 initiative parameters; requiring a report; providing an
5 appropriation; 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.**

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11 (a) The governor's policy office shall oversee the
12 development of a statewide initiative on energy and natural
13 resource development, use and stewardship by providing
14 materials and opportunities for use in public education
15 programs. The initiative shall be a joint effort of
16 representatives from energy and natural resource industries
17 and related member organizations, state education agencies,

1 public education stakeholder representatives and the
2 governor's policy office and shall focus on the development
3 of a curriculum for use in public school education programs
4 which:

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6 (i) Is embedded within the existing public
7 school curriculum and structure;

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9 (ii) Ensures a balanced approach to energy and
10 natural resource development, use and stewardship and
11 ensures subject matter expertise is integrated with the
12 requirements of the statewide educational program
13 prescribed by law;

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15 (iii) Advances student critical thinking skills;

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17 (iv) Extends beyond normal classroom programs
18 into extracurricular activities; and

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20 (v) Is easily accessed and used by public school
21 teachers.

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23 (b) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) is
24 appropriated from the school foundation program account to

1 the governor's policy office for purposes of acquiring
2 professional expertise necessary to initiate subsection (a)
3 of this section and to report recommendations to the joint
4 education interim committee on or before December 1, 2013.
5 Recommendations shall at minimum:

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7 (i) Assess existing education programs related
8 to energy and natural resources;

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10 (ii) Determine necessary funding required for
11 development and distribution of educational materials
12 directed at students and teachers;

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14 (iii) Determine future placement of program
15 governance and oversight;

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17 (iv) Specify program structure as grade specific
18 or full kindergarten through grade twelve (12) emersion.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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