

SENATE FILE NO. SF0094

BOCES-court ordered placement costs.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anderson and Representative(s)
Connolly

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to court ordered placement of children;
2 clarifying allowable education costs reimbursed by the
3 state for placements in authorized facilities; 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. 21-13-315(a)(intro) is amended to
9 read:

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11 **21-13-315. Costs of court ordered placement of**
12 **children in private residential treatment facilities, group**
13 **homes, day treatment programs and juvenile detention**
14 **facilities.**

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1 (a) The department of family services shall establish
2 an account to pay residential and treatment costs excluding
3 educational and medical costs of court ordered placements
4 of children in private residential treatment facilities and
5 group homes located in Wyoming. Programs providing
6 education services including programs for children with
7 disabilities provided by a board of cooperative educational
8 services, shall bill the department of education directly
9 for educational costs of court ordered placements. In
10 addition, costs of all related and supplemental services
11 for children with disabilities, including costs associated
12 with an individualized education plan (IEP), and costs of
13 education assessment for other children incurred as a
14 result of court order prior to any placement, shall be
15 billed directly to the department of education. The
16 department of family services shall promulgate reasonable
17 rules and regulations to provide procedures for
18 implementing subsection (m) of this section. If the court
19 rejects an in-state placement recommendation of the
20 predisposition report or multidisciplinary team under W.S.
21 14-6-227, the court shall enter on the record specific
22 findings of fact relied upon to support its decision to
23 deviate from the recommended disposition. No court shall
24 order an out-of-state placement unless:

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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