

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0005

Education-required school bus video equipment-2.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school buses; requiring school buses
2 transporting students to and from school and school
3 activities to be equipped with specified video systems;
4 reimbursing districts for associated costs; imposing
5 duties; providing an appropriation; and providing for
6 effective dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-131(b) by creating a new
11 paragraph (x) is amended to read:

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13 **21-3-131. School bus standards; operators; vehicle**
14 **operation; liability limited.**

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1 (b) Each district shall establish and maintain
2 minimum standards for the operation of school buses,
3 including:

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5 (x) Effective school year 2016-2017, and each
6 school year thereafter, all school buses transporting
7 students to and from school and to and from student
8 activities, as defined under W.S. 21-13-320(b)(i) and (ii),
9 shall be equipped with an external video system and may be
10 equipped with an internal video system. Equipment
11 specifications shall be prescribed by rule and regulation
12 of the department.

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14 **Section 2.**

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16 (a) Effective July 1, 2014, up to five million
17 dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is appropriated from the public
18 school foundation program account to the department of
19 education to reimburse school districts for one hundred
20 percent (100%) of the costs of equipping school buses with
21 internal and external video systems as required under W.S.
22 21-3-131(b), as amended by section 1 of this act. This
23 subsection shall apply only to those school buses purchased
24 before July 1, 2017, and used within the district for

1 transporting students to and from school and to and from
2 student activities pursuant to W.S. 21-13-320(b)(i) and
3 (ii). School districts shall apply to the department, on a
4 form, in a manner and within time specifications prescribed
5 by department rule and regulation, for reimbursement of
6 equipment costs under this subsection. Any district which
7 has received payment from the public school foundation
8 program account under W.S. 21-13-320 for the costs of
9 installation of video system equipment on school buses
10 purchased prior to July 1, 2015, shall not be eligible for
11 claiming reimbursement under this subsection for the costs
12 of that equipment, nor shall any district receiving
13 reimbursement for equipment costs under this subsection be
14 eligible for payment under W.S. 21-13-320 for the
15 installation of that equipment.

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17 (b) Costs associated with the installation of video
18 system equipment within school buses purchased on and after
19 July 1, 2015, which are used to transport students to and
20 from school and to and from student activities, shall be
21 reimbursed in accordance with other district covered
22 transportation costs specified under W.S. 21-13-320.

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1 (c) The department of education shall immediately
2 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to enable school
3 districts to operate school buses equipped in accordance
4 with this act not later than school year 2016-2017.

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6 (d) Any unexpended and unobligated balance of the
7 appropriation under subsection (a) of this section
8 remaining on June 30, 2018, shall revert to the public
9 school foundation program account.

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

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