

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0033

School finance-career technical education grants.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

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for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; establishing competitive
 2 grants for public schools to purchase career and technical
 3 education supplies, materials and equipment; requiring
 4 rulemaking; requiring matching funds; requiring reporting;
 5 making conforming amendments; appropriating funds; and
 6 providing for an effective date.

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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. 21-13-337 is created to read:

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12 **21-13-337. Career and technical education equipment**
 13 **grants; application; criteria; limitations.**

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15 (a) A school district may apply to the state
 16 department of education for state assistance to fund the

1 purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for a new or
2 existing career and technical education program in the
3 district. Amounts awarded under this section shall be in
4 addition to and shall not be considered in determining the
5 school foundation program amount under the education
6 resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309. Any
7 school district receiving funds under W.S. 21-12-105 for a
8 career and technical education demonstration project grant
9 shall be ineligible to receive funds under this section for
10 the period the district receives funds under W.S.
11 21-12-105.

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13 (b) A grant awarded under this section shall be for a
14 period of two (2) years and shall not exceed fifty thousand
15 dollars (\$50,000.00) per year. A grant awarded under this
16 section shall be conditioned upon a match of funds in the
17 ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of grant funds to not less than
18 ten cents (\$0.10) of school district funds. Applications
19 for a grant under this section shall be submitted on a form
20 and in a manner specified by rule of the department, shall
21 be filed with the department on or before June 30 to secure
22 a grant during the immediately succeeding school year and
23 shall at a minimum include:

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2 (i) A proposal documenting the need for the
3 requested supplies, materials and equipment and the
4 relationship of the career and technical education program
5 to the workforce, education and economic needs of Wyoming;

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7 (ii) The purpose, plan and timeline for
8 expenditure of grant amounts;

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10 (iii) Assurances that school facilities
11 appropriately accommodate the career and technical
12 education program for which the supplies, materials and
13 equipment will be used;

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15 (iv) Other necessary information required by the
16 department.

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18 (c) Not later than August 15 of the applicable school
19 year and following review of applications submitted under
20 this section, the department shall notify applicant
21 districts of its grant awards and shall provide each
22 applicant district a written statement of the reasons for
23 approving or denying the application. First preference

1 shall be given to districts that have expended, or will
2 expend with the award of the grant requested under this
3 section, the entire amount generated under W.S.
4 21-13-309(m)(v)(D) for supplies, materials and equipment
5 for career and technical education programs utilizing
6 expenditure data from the immediately preceding five (5)
7 school years from the date of application. Second
8 preference shall be given to districts that have not
9 received a grant under this section in the immediately
10 preceding five (5) school years from the date of
11 application. If an application is approved, the department
12 shall award the grant from amounts made available by
13 legislative appropriation from the public school foundation
14 program account for purposes of this section.

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16 (d) Each applicant district shall report to the
17 department on the expenditure of amounts awarded under this
18 section and shall provide other information as required by
19 rule of the department.

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21 (e) The department of education shall promulgate
22 rules necessary to carry out this section.

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1 (f) As used in this section, "career and technical
2 education program" shall be as specified in W.S.
3 21-13-309(m)(v)(D)(II).

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5 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-12-105(b) is amended to read:

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7 **21-12-105. Career and technical education**
8 **demonstration project grants; application; criteria;**
9 **limitations.**

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11 (b) Any amount awarded to a district under this
12 section shall be in addition to and not be considered in
13 determining the school foundation program amount under the
14 education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S.
15 21-13-309. A grant awarded under this section shall be for
16 a period of two (2) years and shall not exceed one hundred
17 fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for the first year of
18 demonstration project planning, and not more than two
19 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) for project
20 implementation in year two (2) of the project grant.
21 Thereafter, state assistance for the project shall be
22 limited to funds distributed to the district within its
23 foundation program amount as determined under the education

1 resource block grant model. Any school district receiving
2 funds under W.S. 21-13-337 for career and technical
3 supplies, materials and equipment shall be ineligible to
4 receive a grant under this section for the period the
5 district receives funds under W.S. 21-13-337.

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7 **Section 3.** There is appropriated two hundred fifty
8 thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) from the public school
9 foundation program account to the department of education
10 for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30,
11 2024. This appropriation shall be used for the grant
12 program established by W.S. 21-13-337 as created by section
13 1 of this act. This appropriation shall not be transferred
14 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
15 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June
16 30, 2024 shall revert as provided by law. It is the intent
17 of the legislature that this appropriation be included in
18 the standard budget for the department of education for the
19 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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21 **Section 4.** Not later than June 30, 2024, the data
22 advisory committee established under W.S. 21-2-203(d) shall
23 provide to the state superintendent of public instruction

1 recommendations to more clearly identify expenditures on
2 career and technical supplies, materials and equipment by
3 school districts.

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5 **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon
6 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
7 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
8 Constitution.

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