

ENROLLED ACT NO. 94, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2023 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-337 is created to read:

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

(a) A school district may apply to the state department of education for state assistance to fund the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for a new or existing career and technical education program in the district. Amounts awarded under this section shall be in addition to and shall not be considered in determining the school foundation program amount under the education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309. Any school district receiving funds under W.S. 21-12-105 for a career and technical education demonstration project grant shall be ineligible to receive funds under this section for the period the district receives funds under W.S. 21-12-105.

(b) A grant awarded under this section shall be for a period of two (2) years and shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per year. Applications for a grant under this section shall be submitted on a form and in a manner specified by rule of the department, shall be filed with the department on or before June 30 to secure a grant

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during the immediately succeeding school year and shall at a minimum include:

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

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

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

(iv) Other necessary information required by the department.

(c) Not later than August 15 of the applicable school year and following review of applications submitted under this section, the department shall notify applicant districts of its grant awards and shall provide each applicant district a written statement of the reasons for approving or denying the application. No award shall be given to a district unless it has expended, or will expend with the award of the grant requested under this section, the entire amount generated under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D) for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs utilizing expenditure data from the immediately preceding five (5) school years from the date of application and amounts from the special reserve fund created under W.S. 21-13-504 for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs. Second preference shall be given to districts

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that have not received a grant under this section in the immediately preceding five (5) school years from the date of application. If an application is approved, the department shall award the grant from amounts made available by legislative appropriation from the public school foundation program account for purposes of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Any amount awarded to a district under this section shall be in addition to and not be considered in determining the school foundation program amount under the education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309. A grant awarded under this section shall be for a period of two (2) years and shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for the first year of demonstration project planning, and not more than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) for project

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implementation in year two (2) of the project grant. Thereafter, state assistance for the project shall be limited to funds distributed to the district within its foundation program amount as determined under the education resource block grant model. Any school district receiving funds under W.S. 21-13-337 for career and technical supplies, materials and equipment shall be ineligible to receive a grant under this section for the period the district receives funds under W.S. 21-13-337.

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

**Section 4.** Not later than June 30, 2024, the data advisory committee established under W.S. 21-2-203(d) shall provide to the state superintendent of public instruction recommendations to more clearly identify expenditures on career and technical supplies, materials and equipment by school districts.

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**Section 5.** 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.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk