

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0040

School finance - model recalibration.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; creating the select
2 committee on school finance recalibration; providing for a
3 study to recalibrate the education resource block grant
4 model; authorizing the use of consultants; requiring a
5 report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
6 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.**

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12 (a) There is created the select committee on school
13 finance recalibration consisting of the following members:

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15 (i) Six (6) members of the Wyoming senate
16 appointed by the president of the senate;

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2 (ii) Six (6) members of the Wyoming house of
3 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of
4 representatives.

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6 (b) At least two (2) members from each house shall be
7 from the minority party.

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9 (c) The president of the senate and the speaker of the
10 house of representatives shall select the select committee
11 co-chairmen. The legislative service office shall staff the
12 select committee.

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14 (d) The select committee shall undertake a study to
15 recalibrate the education resource block grant model as
16 required by W.S. 21-13-309(t) to determine if modifications
17 are necessary to ensure the model remains cost-based in
18 light of changing conditions and modifications to law. The
19 select committee may work with professional consultant
20 experts for model recalibration. The legislative service
21 office, subject to the approval of management council,
22 shall retain professional consulting experts for the
23 purposes of this act.

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2 (e) The select committee shall report its
3 recommendations and any associated legislation to the
4 legislature by December 31, 2020. The select committee may
5 introduce legislation as provided in W.S. 28-8-104(e).

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7 (f) Appointments shall be made under this section not
8 later than March 31, 2020. The select committee shall
9 remain in existence until December 31, 2020. Any vacancy
10 occurring on the select committee shall be filled without
11 delay by the president or speaker, as appropriate.

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13 (g) The department of education, other state
14 agencies, school districts and the school data advisory
15 committee established under W.S. 21-2-203(d) shall collect
16 and provide information requested by the committee or
17 professional consultant experts working with the committee.

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19 (h) There is appropriated eighty thousand dollars
20 (\$80,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
21 service office for the purposes of providing salary,
22 including salary for the chairmen under W.S.
23 28-5-101(e)(i), mileage and per diem to members of the

1 select committee on school finance recalibration and for
2 other expenses of the select committee authorized by law or
3 policy of the legislature. This appropriation shall be for
4 the period beginning with the effective date of this act
5 and ending June 30, 2021. This appropriation shall not be
6 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
7 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
8 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
9 2021.

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11 **Section 2.** 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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