

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0108

School finance-K-12 class sizes.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Madden

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; modifying education resource  
 2 block grant model class size components; amending class  
 3 size requirements; amending foundation account eligibility  
 4 requirements for class size; and providing for an effective  
 5 date.

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

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9       **Section 1.** W.S. 21-9-101(d) and 21-13-307(a)(iv) are  
 10 amended to read:

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12       **21-9-101. Educational programs for schools;**  
 13 **standards; core of knowledge and skills; special needs**  
 14 **programs; class size requirements; cocurricular activities.**

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1 (d) In addition to subsections (b) and (c) of this  
2 section, each school district within this state shall  
3 endeavor to maintain when practicable, in kindergarten  
4 through grade three (3) within the district, an average  
5 class size of no more than ~~sixteen (16)~~ twenty-four (24)  
6 students per teacher, excluding children with disabilities  
7 who spend more than fifty percent (50%) of their time  
8 outside of regular classroom instruction.

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10 **21-13-307. Eligibility to share in distribution of**  
11 **money from foundation account; mandatory financial**  
12 **reporting.**

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14 (a) Each district which meets the following  
15 requirements is eligible to share in the distribution of  
16 funds from the foundation account:

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18 (iv) The district shall provide evidence to the  
19 state superintendent that the district has maintained an  
20 average student-teacher ratio of not greater than ~~sixteen~~  
21 ~~(16)~~ twenty-four (24) to one (1) for the aggregate of all  
22 classes in kindergarten through grade three (3) in the  
23 district in the preceding school year. The requirement of

1 this paragraph may be waived by the department of education  
2 for any district that demonstrates insufficient school  
3 facility capacity, positive school performance, positive  
4 student achievement or for other reasons related to the  
5 delivery of the education program to students. This  
6 paragraph shall not apply to charter schools established  
7 under W.S. 21-3-301 through 21-3-314 or schools designated  
8 as exceeding expectations pursuant to W.S.  
9 21-2-204(e)(i)(A). Schools designated as exceeding  
10 expectations pursuant to W.S. 21-2-204(e)(i)(A) shall  
11 notify the department annually of the student teacher  
12 ratios for the aggregate of all classes in kindergarten  
13 through grade three (3) in the district in the preceding  
14 year. The department shall compute the student-teacher  
15 ratio and report it to each district not later than March 1  
16 of each year. To obtain a waiver under this paragraph, a  
17 school district shall apply to the department not later  
18 than March 15 of each year. The application shall be based  
19 on the student-teacher ratio reported by the department of  
20 education, together with any other information required by  
21 the department. The department shall approve or deny an  
22 application for a waiver under this paragraph not later  
23 than April 10 of that year. A waiver approved under this

1 paragraph shall be effective for the school year  
2 immediately following the application and approval.

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4 **Section 2.** 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185,  
5 Attachment "A"(b)(ii) and (iii) is amended to read:

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ATTACHMENT "A"

8 ATTACHMENT "A" CONTAINS AN ENUMERATION OF  
9 EDUCATION RESOURCE BLOCK GRANT MODEL COMPONENTS  
10 SUMMARIZING AND EXECUTING RECOMMENDATIONS  
11 CONTAINED IN THE 2010 COST OF EDUCATION STUDY AS  
12 FOLLOWS:

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14 (b) Notwithstanding components specified in  
15 the 2010 cost of education study accepted by the  
16 legislature, the Wyoming education resource block  
17 grant model components and the resourcing for  
18 those components, as enacted by the legislature,  
19 shall be as follows:

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21 (ii) Class size: ~~16~~24 for grades  
22 Kindergarten  
23 through ~~5~~7

1 ~~21 for grades 6~~  
 2 ~~through 12.~~

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 4 (iii) Core teachers: Elementary school  
 5 ADM divided by ~~16~~  
 6 24;  
 7 Middle school ADM  
 8 divided by ~~21-24~~;  
 9 High school ADM  
 10 divided by ~~21-24~~.

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 12 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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 14 (END)