

SENATE FILE NO. SF0051

School finance-regional cost adjustment.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the Wyoming
2 cost-of-living index as used in the regional cost
3 adjustment within the education resource block grant model
4 as specified; providing a sunset date; and providing for an
5 effective 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. 21-13-309(m)(v)(C) is amended to
10 read:

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12 **21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in**
13 **foundation program for each district.**

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1 (m) In determining the amount to be included in the
2 foundation program for each district, the state
3 superintendent shall:

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5 (v) Based upon ADM computations and identified
6 school configurations within each district pursuant to
7 paragraph (iv) of this subsection, compute the foundation
8 program amount for each district as prescribed by the
9 education resource block grant model adopted by the Wyoming
10 legislature as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as
11 contained within the spreadsheets and accompanying reports
12 referenced under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii). The following
13 criteria shall be used by the state superintendent in the
14 administration of the education resource block grant model:

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16 (C) Salaries shall be computed as follows:

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18 (I) Salaries for all school and
19 district level staffing categories, including teachers,
20 principals and assistant principals, central office
21 administrators, secretarial and clerical staff, operations
22 and maintenance staff and aides and media technicians,
23 shall be based upon average statewide salary levels

1 calibrated under "Attachment A" for each staffing category,
2 adjusted under subsection (o) of this section, including
3 the experience, education and responsibility level as
4 appropriate and as computed for each staffing category.
5 The statewide average for each staffing category shall be
6 adjusted for each district based upon the district
7 experience, education and responsibility level relative to
8 the statewide average for that category. District
9 experience, education and responsibility level by
10 appropriate staffing category shall be updated each year
11 such that district adjustments reflect the prior school
12 year staffing information~~i-~~

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14 (II) The district adjusted average
15 salary for each staffing category computed under
16 subdivision (I) of this subparagraph shall be further
17 adjusted for regional cost differences as measured by the
18 greater of the hedonic wage index or the Wyoming cost-of-
19 living index computed by the division of economic analysis,
20 department of administration and information, with a
21 minimum of one hundred (100) index value, as prescribed by
22 the education resource block grant model. For purposes of
23 the education resource block grant model, the version of

1 the Wyoming cost-of-living index used by the division shall
2 be based upon the unrecalibrated housing cost index weights
3 unless otherwise determined by the legislature based upon
4 recommendation of the joint education interim committee.
5 In addition, the version of the Wyoming cost-of-living
6 index applied under this subparagraph for any school year
7 shall be the greater of the average of the six (6)
8 consecutive semi-annual index reports completed by January
9 1 of the immediately preceding school year or the semi-
10 annual index report completed by January 1 of this
11 immediately preceding school year. This subdivision is
12 repealed July 1, 2026;

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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