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HOUSE BILL NO.

Public retirement-actuarially determined contributions.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

## A BILL

for

1	AN ACT relating to public employee retirement; requiring
2	the calculation and collection of employee and employer
3	contributions for the public employee retirement plan to be
4	based on an actuarially determined contribution rate;
5	specifying procedures for the calculation of rates;
6	requiring reports; removing obsolete language; making
7	conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.
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9	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:
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11	Section 1. W.S. 9-3-413.1 is created to read:

1	9-3-413.1. Members' and employers' contributions based
2	on actuarially determined contribution rates; calculation
3	of rates; reports.
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5	(a) Beginning with the 2027-2028 fiscal biennium, the
б	retirement system shall calculate the percentage of salary
7	for members' contributions required under W.S. 9-3-412(a)
8	and for the employers' contribution required under W.S. 9-
9	3-413 based on an actuarially determined contribution rate
10	in accordance with the following:
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12	(i) The retirement system, in consultation with
13	any actuary that the system utilizes, shall calculate the
14	actuarially determined contribution rate for each fiscal
15	year;
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17	(ii) The retirement system shall calculate the
18	actuarially determined contribution rate by using the
19	market value of that portion of the retirement account
20	designated for the public employee retirement plan as of
21	January 1, 2025 and January 1 of each odd-numbered year
22	thereafter, the value of benefits, estimated administrative
23	expenses and officially adopted actuarial assumptions. The

1	retirement system shall use this valuation to calculate the
2	actuarially determined contribution rate for the
3	immediately succeeding fiscal biennium;
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5	(iii) Not later than April 15, 2025 and April 15
6	of each odd-numbered year thereafter, the retirement system
7	shall report the actuarially determined contribution rate
8	to each local government entity participating in the public
9	employee retirement plan, the governor, the state auditor,
L O	the state budget department and the joint appropriations
L1	committee, subject to the requirements of this subsection;
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L5	STAFF COMMENT
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L7	The Committee may wish to consider whether the Retirement
L8	System should provide notice and an opportunity for comment
L9	to employees and employers whose contributions would change
20	under this system. For example:
21	(in) Not later than Mary 1 2005 and each Mary 1
22	(iv) Not later than May 1, 2025 and each May 1
23	thereafter, the retirement system shall provide notice to
24	each employer and employee whose contributions would change
25	under this section and provide an opportunity for comment
26	on the actuarially determined contribution rates calculated
27	under this subsection;
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1 (iv) Not later than April 15, 2026 and April 15 2 each even-numbered year thereafter, the retirement 3 system shall calculate a valuation of the account and an 4 updated actuarially determined contribution rate, using the market value of that portion of the account designated for 5 the public employee retirement plan as of January 1 of that 6 year, for informational purposes and shall report the 7 8 valuation and rate to each entity specified in paragraph 9 (iii) of this subsection. The actuarially determined 10 contribution rate calculated under this paragraph shall not be used as the actuarially determined contribution rate for 11 12 purposes of this section;

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14 (V)After calculation of the actuarially 15 determined contribution rate under paragraph (ii) of this 16 subsection, the state budget department and the retirement 17 system shall calculate necessary amounts to account for any 18 changes in the appropriations necessary to fund the 19 contributions for the public employee retirement plan and 20 shall include those amounts in the budget prepared under W.S. 9-2-1010 through 9-2-1014.1, including changes 21 amounts for school districts necessary to account for the 22 employer's share of the actuarially determined contribution 23

1	rate in accordance with this section for benefits paid from
2	the education resource block grant model defined in W.S.
3	21-13-101(a)(xiv) and as enumerated in Attachment
4	A(b)(xxxviii) as defined in W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii);
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8 9	STAFF COMMENT
10 11 12 13 14 15 16	The Committee may wish to consider whether the Legislature should play a more active role in approving the contribution rates and changes—for example, expressing approval or disapproval in the budget bill similar to changes to judges' salaries in W.S. 5-1-110(b). Sample language for consideration is below:
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	(vi) Before any change to contribution rates calculated under this subsection take effect, the legislature shall, through the budget process or other legislation, provide approval or disapproval of the actuarially determined contribution rates calculated under this subsection. If the actuarially determined contribution rate calculated under this subsection is:
25 26 27 28 29	(A) Approved by the legislature or not otherwise acted upon by the legislature, then the rate change shall take effect in accordance with this subsection;
30 31 32 33	(B) Disapproved by the legislature, then the actuarially determined contribution rate shall remain unchanged for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.
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37	(vi) Any change in the actuarially determined

contribution rate calculated under paragraph (ii) of this

1	subsection shall take effect on July 1 of the subsequent
2	even-numbered year;
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4	(vii) Any change in the actuarially determined
5	contribution rate calculated and reported under this
6	subsection shall be in accordance with the following:
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8	(A) The actuarially determined contribution
9	rate shall not be increased more than one-half percent
L O	(0.5%) nor decreased more than one-half percent (0.5%)
L1	from:
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L3	(I) The rates specified in W.S. 9-3-
L4	412(a) and 9-3-413 for the fiscal biennium beginning July
L5	1, 2026;
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L7	(II) The actuarially determined
L8	contribution rate for the preceding fiscal biennium for
L9	each fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2028.
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21	(B) The actuarially determined contribution
22	rate for a fiscal biennium shall not be decreased if the
23	public employee retirement plan has a funded ratio of less

1	than ninety percent (90%), as calculated on the date
2	specified in paragraph (ii) of this subsection;
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6 7	STAFF COMMENT
8 9	In this paragraph, the Committee may wish to consider specifying the amortization period; for example:
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11 12	"(C) For purposes of this paragraph, the actuarially determined contribution rate shall use a closed
13	amortization period of thirty (30) years calculated from
14	January 1, 2018, with each subsequent amortization base
15	created as a result of year-to-year experience changes over
16	individual twenty (20) year closed periods;"
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21	(C) In no event shall the actuarially
22	determined contribution rate be less than the normal cost
23	rate. As used in this subparagraph, "normal cost rate"
24	means the contributions necessary to cover accrued benefits
25	for the average of two (2) fiscal years within a fiscal
26	biennium.
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30	STAFF COMMENT
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32	In current subparagraph (C) above, the Retirement System
33	suggests adding a reference to administrative expenses and

by defining the normal cost contribution as it is expressed in the System's actuarial reports:

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In no event shall the actuarially determined contribution rate be less than the normal cost contribution, plus the rate necessary to meet administrative expenses. As used in this subparagraph, contribution" means the contribution cost calculated using the entry age normal actuarial cost method to determine the average uniform and constant percentage rate of employer contributions that, if applied to the compensation of each new member during the entire period of the member's anticipated covered service, would be required to meet the costs of all benefits payable on the member's behalf based on the benefits provisions applicable for the individual member."

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The division of payments for employer and employee below approximate the current division of rates specified in W.S. 9-3-412 and 9-3-413. The division of rates is a policy decision for the Committee.

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26 (b) The actuarially determined contribution rate shall 27 be paid through monthly contributions into the account as 28 follows:

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(i) Subject to paragraph (iii) of this subsection and except as otherwise provided in W.S. 9-3-412, 9-3-431 and 9-3-432, every member covered under this article shall pay into the account a percentage of his salary in an amount equal to forty-nine and sixty-eight hundredths

- 1 percent (49.68%) of the actuarially determined contribution
- 2 rate calculated under this section;

- 4 (ii) Every employer excluding employers of
- 5 firefighter members shall pay into the account a
- 6 contribution of members' salary in an amount equal to fifty
- 7 and thirty-two hundredths percent (50.32%) of the
- 8 actuarially determined contribution rate calculated under
- 9 this section;

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- 11 (iii) For state employee members, five and fifty-
- 12 seven hundredths percent (5.57%) of the member's salary
- 13 that would otherwise be withheld in accordance with
- 14 paragraph (i) of this subsection shall be paid by the
- 15 employer without any salary reduction or offset. The
- 16 remaining portion of the state employee's contribution
- 17 required under paragraph (i) of this subsection shall be
- 18 paid through a reduction in cash salary of the state
- 19 employee unless specified otherwise by legislative act.

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- 21 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-3207(a)(xi)(F)(IV), 9-3-
- 22 402(a)(i)(A) and (xvi), 9-3-412(a), (b) and (c)(intro) (ii)
- 23 and (iv), 9-3-413, 9-3-414, 9-3-431(a), 9-3-432(a) and (b),

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    9-3-704(c), 11-20-201(b), 21-3-314(c)(v), 21-13-230(f) and
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    21-13-321(d) are amended to read:
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        9-2-3207. Duties of department performed through
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    human resources division.
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         (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, the
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    department through the human resources division shall:
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             (xi) Promulgate reasonable rules:
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                  (F) Necessary to administer a
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    whereby at-will contract employees may be utilized by
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    agencies to meet programmatic needs. These rules shall be
    structured so that:
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                       (IV) Notwithstanding subdivision (III)
             subparagraph, if the employment contract so
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                    at-will, year-round, full-time brand
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    provides, an
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    inspection contract employee authorized to carry out the
    duties specified by W.S. 11-20-201 may be eligible for
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    membership in the state employees' and officials' group
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insurance plan in accordance with W.S. 9-3-207, and the

1	state retirement system under W.S. $9-3-412$ and $9-3-413.1$ ,
2	provided the employee pays the total premium or total
3	contribution required, or the portion of the premium or
4	contribution, if any, the employment contract directs the
5	employee to pay and the employee's wages under the contract
6	are reported on an Internal Revenue Service Form W-2 Wage
7	and Tax Statement. Subject to the limitations of W.S. 9-3-
8	412(c) and $9-3-413.1(b)$ , the Wyoming livestock board shall
9	have sole discretion to determine the amount of the total
10	premium or contribution to be paid by the employee and the
11	amount to be paid by the board, if any. The amounts shall
12	be stated in the employment contract. The time limitations
13	provided in subdivision (V) of this subparagraph shall not
14	apply to any employee under this subdivision;
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16	9-3-402. Definitions.
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18	(a) As used in this article:
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20	(i) "Account" or "member account" means:
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22	(A) For a member who has a minimum of four
23	(4) years of service or a member initially employed before

1 July 1, 2018, the member's contributions, the member's 2 contributions paid by an employer under W.S. 9-3-412 and 9-3 3-413.1 and any amounts transferred to the system from a 4 terminated system on behalf of the member, plus interest compounded annually at a rate determined by the board not 5 to exceed the average annual investment yield earned on the 6 assets of the system, subject to subparagraph (C) of this 7 8 paragraph; 9 10 (xvi) "Salary" means the cash remuneration paid 11 a member in a calendar year, including employee 12 contributions required by W.S. 9-3-412 and 9-3-413.1 and 13 including member contributions paid by the employer under a salary reduction arrangement under W.S. 9-3-412(c) and 9-3-14 15 413.1(b). "Salary" taken into account for a member shall 16 not exceed the amount specified under section 401(a)(17) of 17 the United States Internal Revenue Code; 18 19 9-3-412. Members' contributions; payroll deductions; 20 employer authorized to pay employee's share. 21 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and 22 W.S. 9-3-431 and 9-3-432, every member covered under this 23

Code,

section 414(h)

1 article, shall pay into the account eight and one-half 2 percent (8.5%) of his salary for the period from September 3 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, eight and three-quarters 4 percent (8.75%) of his salary for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, nine percent (9%) of his salary 5 for the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and 6 7 thereafter nine and one-quarter percent (9.25%) of his 8 salary for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 and thereafter a percentage of the member's salary 9 10 determined in accordance with W.S. 9-3-413.1. Every 11 firefighter member covered under this article shall pay 12 into the account seven percent (7%) of his salary. Payments shall be deducted each pay period from each 13 member's salary by the chief fiscal officer of each 14 participating employer. Employee contributions shall be 15 transferred to the account in accordance with subsection 16 17 (c) of this section. 18 19 Except as provided by W.S. 9-2-(b) 20 3207(a)(xi)(F)(III) or (IV), in order to be treated as 21 employer contributions for the sole purpose of determining tax treatment under the United States Internal Revenue 22

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required by

1 subsection (a) of this section shall be paid by the 2 employer for state employee members and may be paid by the 3 employer for member employees of political subdivisions of 4 this state. Any contract employee authorized to participate 5 retirement system in the state under W.S. 9-2shall the 6 3207(a)(xi)(F)(III) pay entire member contribution and the entire employer contribution under 7 8 W.S. 9-3-413 and 9-3-413.1. For the contributions as 9 provided by W.S. 9-2-3207(a)(xi)(F)(IV), the contributions 10 required by subsection (a) of this section may be paid by 11 the Wyoming livestock board for state employee members in 12 order to be treated as employer contributions for the sole 13 purpose of determining tax treatment under the United States Internal Revenue Code, section 414(h). The amounts 14 15 shall be stated in the employment contract.

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17 (c) The contributions under subsection (b) of this
18 section and W.S. 9-3-413.1 shall be paid from the source of
19 funds which is used in paying salary to the member. The
20 employer may pay these contributions by a reduction in cash
21 salary of the member or by an offset against a future
22 salary increase, or by a combination of a reduction in

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    salary and an offset against a future salary increase,
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    provided:
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              (ii) Except as provided in paragraphs (iii) and
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    paragraph (iv) of this subsection and W.S. 9-3-413.1(b),
    any employer may pay any amount of a member's share of
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    retirement contributions without a salary reduction, offset
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              (iv) For full-time brand inspection contract
    employees authorized to participate in the state retirement
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    system under W.S. 9-2-3207(a)(xi)(F)(IV), not more than
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    five and fifty-seven hundredths percent (5.57%) the amount
    specified in W.S. 9-3-413.1(b)(iii) of the contract
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    employee's salary shall be paid by the livestock board
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    unless specified otherwise by legislative act.
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         9-3-413. Employer's contributions; payable monthly;
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    transfer to account; interest
                                     imposed upon delinquent
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    contributions; recovery.
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    Except as provided by W.S. 9-2-3207(a)(xi)(F)(III) or (IV),
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    9-3-431 and 9-3-432, each employer, excluding employers of
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1 firefighter members, shall, on a monthly basis, pay into the account a contribution equal to eight and sixty-two 2 3 hundredths percent (8.62%) of the salary paid to each of 4 its members covered under this article for the period from September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, eight and eighty-5 seven hundredths percent (8.87%) of the salary paid for the 6 period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, nine and 7 8 twelve hundredths percent (9.12%) of the salary paid for 9 the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and 10 thereafter nine and thirty-seven hundredths percent (9.37%) 11 of the salary paid to each of its members covered under 12 this article for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 and thereafter a percentage of the salary paid as 13 determined in accordance with W.S. 9-3-413.1. Employers of 14 15 firefighter members shall pay into the account 16 contribution equal to seven and twelve hundredths percent 17 (7.12%) of the salary paid. Employer contributions for any month, together with the members' contributions for that 18 19 month, if any, shall be transferred to the board not later 20 than the twelfth day of the following month. contributions shall be credited to the account in a manner 21 as directed by the board. Any employer failing to transfer 22 contributions under this section in sufficient time for the 23

1 board to receive the contributions by the twenty-fifth day

2 of the month due shall be assessed interest at the assumed

3 rate of return as determined by the board, compounded

4 annually. Interest imposed under this section shall be

5 payable not later than the twelfth day of the next

6 succeeding month. If the contributions and any interest

7 imposed under this section are not transferred to the board

8 when due, they may be recovered, together with court costs,

9 in an action brought for that purpose in the first judicial

10 district court in Laramie County, Wyoming.

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12 9-3-414. Provision for employers' contributions to be

13 made in budgets; notice to department heads.

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15 Subject to W.S. 9-3-413.1, provision for the payment by

16 employers of the employers' contributions under this

17 article shall be made in the budgets of the several

18 departments, divisions and subdivisions of the state

19 government and of other employer units. At least thirty

20 (30) days prior to the date for submission of departmental

21 budgets to the state budget officer, the Wyoming retirement

22 board shall notify all department heads that it will be

23 necessary to include funds in the departmental budget for

1 the payment of employers' contributions under this article

2 for the ensuing appropriation period.

contribution payments.

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9-3-431. Firefighter members; contributions; benefit eligibility; service and disability retirement benefits; termination of benefits upon failure to make timely

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(a) In addition to contributions paid under W.S. 9-3-9 412,  $\frac{\text{and}}{\text{and}}$  9-3-413 and 9-3-413.1, each firefighter member 10 shall pay into the account nine and sixty-five hundredths 11 12 percent (9.65%) of his salary to qualify for benefits under 13 this section. The employer of the firefighter member may pay any or all of the employee contributions imposed under 14 15 this subsection. The board may increase the contribution 16 percentage required under this subsection by not more than 17 one percent (1%), as necessary to maintain the actuarial integrity of the account as affected by benefits payable 18 19 under this section. Payments under this subsection shall be 20 made monthly to the account in accordance with W.S. 9-3-21 412, and 9-3-413 and 9-3-413.1.

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9-3-432. Law enforcement officers; contributions;

2 benefit eligibility; service and disability benefits; death

3 benefits; benefit options.

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Each law enforcement officer shall pay into the 5 (a) account eight and six-tenths percent (8.6%) of his salary 6 to fund benefits provided to law enforcement officers. Any 7 contribution required under this subsection or subsection 8 9 (b) of this section shall be paid by the employer from the 10 source of funds used to pay officer salaries in order to be treated as employer contributions for the sole purpose of 11 12 determining tax treatment under the United States Internal 13 Revenue Code, 414(h). These payments by the employer are 14 subject to W.S. 9-3-412(c) and 9-3-413.1.

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16 (b) Each employer of a law enforcement officer 17 covered under this article shall pay into the account a contribution equal to eight and six-tenths percent (8.6%) 18 19 of the salary paid to each of its law enforcement officers 20 covered under this article and may pay into the account any 21 amount of the officer's share of contributions under (a) of this section. 22 subsection Payments under the account 23 subsection shall be made monthly to in

- 1 accordance with W.S. 9-3-413 and 9-3-413.1 and are subject
- 2 to the penalties imposed under W.S. 9-3-413 for delinquent
- 3 contributions. No additional contribution shall be imposed
- 4 upon the state, any city, town or county for benefits
- 5 provided law enforcement officers under this article.

7 9-3-704. Employee contributions.

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- 9 (c) The contributions under subsection (b) of this
- 10 section shall be paid from the source of funds which is
- 11 used in paying salary to the employee. The employer may pay
- 12 these contributions without offset of the employee's salary
- 13 in the same salary percentage as provided by state
- 14 employers under W.S. 9-3-412(c) and 9-3-413.1. The
- 15 employer shall also reduce the cash salary of the employee
- 16 by three and sixty-five hundredths percent (3.65%).

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- 18 11-20-201. Designation of contract services to
- 19 implement brand inspection laws; bond required; bond of
- 20 inspectors; interstate cooperative agreements.

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- 22 (b) The agency, or the board may contract for
- 23 inspectors as the board deems necessary to carry out

specified duties. The board may contract for inspectors 1 2 through an individual at-will contract. The board may 3 contract to provide the inspector salary, mileage, per diem 4 and other necessary reimbursable expenses, membership in 5 the state employees and officials group insurance plan in accordance with W.S. 9-2-3207(a)(xi)(F)(IV) and 9-3-207, 6 and the state retirement system in accordance with W.S. 9-7 8 2-3207(a)(xi)(F)(IV), and 9-3-412 and 9-3-413.1. The board shall be authorized to establish mileage rates without 9 10 regard to the limitations provided in W.S. 9-3-103. During 11 the time that inspectors are acting within the scope of 12 their duties on behalf or in service of the state in their 13 official capacity, inspectors are covered by the provisions of the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act, W.S. 1-39-101 14 through 1-39-120, and the state self-insurance program, 15 16 W.S. 1-41-101 through 1-41-111. It may assign inspectors 17 inside or outside of this state as it deems appropriate. A blanket bond or individual bonds shall be executed to the 18 state with good and sufficient surety in an 19 20 determined by the board, conditioned for the full and 21 faithful performance and discharge of the inspector's duties. The bond shall be approved by and filed in the 22 office of the board. 23

2 21-3-314. Students counted among district ADM;

3 determination of charter school funding.

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5 (c) The charter school shall be entitled to the

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8 (v) One hundred percent (100%) of the amount

9 expended by the charter school that is eligible for

10 reimbursement by the department of education under W.S. 9-

3-413 and 9-3-413.1.

following amounts:

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13 21-13-320. Student transportation; amount within

14 school foundation program formula for transportation

15 maintenance and operations expenditures and school bus

16 purchases; district reporting requirements.

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18 (f) The department of education shall adopt necessary

19 rules and regulations to implement and enforce state

20 standards established under this section and to administer

21 this section. District expenditures computed under

22 subsection (b) of this section shall not include

23 expenditures for employee contributions to the Wyoming

1 retirement system exceeding five and fifty-seven hundredths 2 percent (5.57%)—the amount specified in W.S. 9-3-3 413.1(b)(iii) of any member employee's salary. In addition, 4 the department shall, in accordance with procedures 5 prescribed by department rule and regulation, establish a base price for each school bus type or other student 6 transportation vehicle type for the applicable fiscal 7 8 period that complies with minimum state standards for 9 vehicle specifications and equipment. The department shall 10 also establish a process including competitive bidding 11 which guarantees the acquisition of school buses and other 12 student transportation vehicles approved for reimbursement and complying with state minimum standards and district 13 fleet size restrictions at the established base price for 14 15 applicable fiscal year. Department the rules shall 16 establish appropriate restrictions on how and under which 17 conditions a school district may procure a school bus or student transportation vehicle, either 18 other through 19 purchase or lease, to ensure that the procurement method 20 used is the most cost effective. School districts shall 21 notify the department of school bus and other student transportation vehicle needs and requirements for the 22 23 appropriate fiscal year in the manner and within the times

1	prescribed by department rule and regulation, and shall
2	report expenditures, purchases and lease arrangements for
3	the applicable reporting period, including vehicles
4	replaced by purchases and leases, as required by department
5	rule and regulation. The department shall annually review
6	and conduct audits as necessary of information submitted
7	under this section. As authorized under W.S. 21-13-307(b),
8	the department may correct the information reported by
9	districts under this section as necessary to fairly and
10	accurately reflect the data type, classification and format
11	required to administer this section in accordance with law
12	and department rules and regulations.

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21-13-321. Special education; amount provided for special education programs and services; district reporting requirements; billing for Medicaid authorized school based services.

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19 (d) The department of education shall adopt necessary
20 rules and regulations to implement and administer this
21 section. Districts shall report special education program
22 expenditures for the applicable reporting period as
23 required by department rule and regulation. District

1	expenditures computed under subsection (b) of this section
2	shall not include expenditures for employee contributions
3	to the Wyoming retirement system exceeding five and fifty-
4	seven hundredths percent (5.57%) the amount specified in
5	W.S. 9-3-413.1(b)(iii) of any member employee's salary. The
6	department shall annually review and report to the joint
7	education interim committee regarding services provided to
8	special education students by school districts. In
9	addition, the department shall when necessary, conduct
10	audits of information submitted by districts under this
11	section and may, in accordance with W.S. 21-13-307(b),
12	correct the information reported by districts as necessary
13	to fairly and accurately reflect the data type,
14	classification and format required to administer this
15	section in accordance with law and department rule and
16	regulation.
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18 **Section 3.** W.S. 9-3-412(c)(iii) is repealed.

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W.S. 9-3-412(c)(iii) is the current provision that provides for employer payment of a portion of state employees' employee contribution.

STAFF COMMENT

1 2 9-3-412. Members' contributions; payroll deductions; 3 employer authorized to pay employee's share. 4 5 The contributions under subsection (b) of this section shall be paid from the source of funds which is 6 used in paying salary to the member. The employer may pay 7 these contributions by a reduction in cash salary of the 8 member or by an offset against a future salary increase, or 9 by a combination of a reduction in salary and an offset 10 against a future salary increase, provided: 11 12 13 (iii) For state employee members five and fiftyseven hundredths percent (5.57%) of the member's salary 14 15 shall be paid by the employer without any salary reduction or offset. The remaining portion of the state employee's 16 contribution shall be paid through a reduction in cash 17 salary of the state employee unless specified otherwise by 18 19 legislative act; 20 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 21 \*\*\*\*\*\* 22 23 24 Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2024. 25 26 (END)