

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0040

Schools-compulsory attendance.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hammons, Illoway and
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to compulsory school attendance; modifying
2 compulsory attendance requirements; expanding exemptions;
3 and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-4-102(a)(intro), (ii), (iii) and
8 by creating a new paragraph (iv) is amended to read:

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10 **21-4-102. When attendance required; exemptions.**

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12 (a) Every parent, guardian or other person having
13 control or charge of any child who is a resident of this
14 state and whose seventh birthday falls on or before
15 September 15 of any year and who has not yet attained his
16 ~~sixteenth~~ seventeenth birthday or completed the tenth grade

1 shall except as otherwise provided by this subsection, be
2 required to send ~~such~~the child to, and ~~such~~the child
3 shall be required to attend, a public or private school
4 each year, during the entire time that the public schools
5 ~~shall be~~are in session in the district in which the pupil
6 resides.~~;~~ ~~provided, that~~ The board of trustees of each
7 school district may exempt any child from ~~the operation of~~
8 this article when:

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10 (ii) The board feels that compulsory school
11 attendance might work undue hardship. The board may
12 conduct a hearing on issues pursuant to this paragraph by
13 executive session;~~or~~

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15 (iii) The child has been legally excluded from
16 the regular schools pursuant to the provisions of W.S.
17 21-4-306;~~;~~ or

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19 (iv) The parent, guardian or other person having
20 control or charge of the child, following a documented
21 meeting with a school district counselor or administrator,
22 provides written consent to the district board for
23 withdrawal of the child from public or private school
24 attendance and certification that the child has attended

1 public or private school for a period of not less than
2 three (3) years.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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