

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0241

School districts-assessments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman and Burkhart and  
Senator(s) Landen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to student assessments; phasing out use of  
2 school district body of evidence systems for establishing  
3 high school graduation requirements; providing for further  
4 study and subsequent legislation; 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. 21-2-304(a)(iv)(intro) and (vi)(B)

10 and 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) are amended to read:

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12 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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14 (a) The state board of education shall:

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1           (iv) Establish, in consultation with local  
2 school districts, requirements for students to earn a high  
3 school diploma. ~~as~~ Until school year 2012-2013,  
4 requirements shall be measured by each district's body of  
5 evidence assessment system prescribed by rule and  
6 regulation of the state board and required under W.S.  
7 21-3-110(a)(xxiv). A high school diploma shall provide for  
8 one (1) of the following endorsements which shall be stated  
9 on the transcript of each student:

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11           (vi) Effective school year 2005-2006 and each  
12 school year thereafter, through the state superintendent  
13 and in consultation and coordination with local school  
14 districts, by rule and regulation establish a statewide  
15 accountability system providing annual accountability  
16 determinations for all schools and school districts  
17 imposing a range of educational consequences resulting from  
18 accountability determinations whereby:

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20           (B) Annual accountability determinations  
21 within the system are made for each school based upon  
22 adequate yearly progress measures defined by the federal No  
23 Child Left Behind Act of 2001, as may be subsequently  
24 amended, and the school's progress in improving student

1 achievement as measured by adequate yearly progress data  
2 and until school year 2012-2013, by data from the  
3 district's body of evidence assessment system required  
4 under W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) and from other related sources  
5 which improve the reliability of accountability  
6 determinations as prescribed by rule and regulation of the  
7 board;

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9 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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11 (a) The board of trustees in each school district  
12 shall:

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14 (xxiv) Establish a student assessment system to  
15 measure student performance relative to the uniform student  
16 content and performance standards in all content areas for  
17 which the state board has promulgated standards pursuant to  
18 W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii). To the extent required by the state  
19 board under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v) and (vi), the district  
20 assessment system shall be integrated with the statewide  
21 assessment system and the statewide accountability system.  
22 Until school year 2012-2013, a component of the district  
23 assessment system required by this paragraph shall include  
24 a body of evidence assessment system designed and used to

1 determine the various levels of student performance as  
2 described in the uniform student content and performance  
3 standards relative to the common core of knowledge and  
4 skills prescribed under W.S. 21-9-101(b);

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6       **Section 2.** If 2011 Senate File 0070 is enacted into  
7 law the select committee on statewide education  
8 accountability created by that act shall study the end-of-  
9 course student assessment examination, which may include  
10 short cycle and formative assessments. The select  
11 committee shall make recommendations, together with  
12 necessary legislation deemed appropriate, in sufficient  
13 time for consideration in the 2012 budget session.

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15       **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
18 Constitution.

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