

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0095

Student to teacher ratio waiver.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Patton, Berger, Botten,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; providing for a mandatory
2 waiver of student to teacher ratio for high performing
3 schools as defined by the Wyoming Education Accountability
4 Act; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-13-307(a)(iv) is amended to read:

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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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2 (iv) The district shall provide evidence to the
3 state superintendent that the district has maintained an
4 average student-teacher ratio of not greater than sixteen
5 (16) to one (1) for the aggregate of all classes in
6 kindergarten through grade three (3) in the district in the
7 preceding school year. The requirement of this paragraph
8 may be waived by the department of education for any
9 district that demonstrates insufficient school facility
10 capacity, positive school performance, positive student
11 achievement or for other reasons related to the delivery of
12 the education program to students. This paragraph shall
13 not apply to charter schools established under W.S.
14 21-3-301 through 21-3-314 or to the highest academically
15 performing schools as defined by the Wyoming Accountability
16 in Education Act. The department shall compute the student-
17 teacher ratio and report it to each district not later than
18 March 1 of each year. To obtain a waiver under this
19 paragraph, a school district shall apply to the department
20 not later than March 15 of each year. The application
21 shall be based on the student-teacher ratio reported by the
22 department of education, together with any other
23 information required by the department. The department
24 shall approve or deny an application for a waiver under

1 this paragraph not later than April 10 of that year. A
2 waiver approved under this paragraph shall be effective for
3 the school year immediately following the application and
4 approval.

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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