

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0017

ENROLLED ACT NO. 3, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2013 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to school capital construction; prescribing methodology for the analysis of enrollment projections as used in prioritization of facility remedies by the school facilities commission; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-15-116(a)(i), 21-15-117(a)(iii) and 21-15-123(f)(ii) are amended to read:

21-15-116. School district facility plans; development, review and approval; plan criteria; administrative review.

(a) In accordance with rules and regulations of the commission, long range comprehensive school building and facility plans for each school district shall be developed by the department in coordination with the applicable district, which address district wide building and facility needs. The facility plan shall identify building and facility needs in accordance with the statewide adequacy standards, actions to remediate building and facility needs including construction, renovation and major building and facility repair and replacement expenditures, and any local enhancements to buildings and facilities beyond statewide adequacy standards. The facility plan shall include a response to each building and facility need identified on a building-by-building, space-by-space basis. The plan shall also review and to the extent practical, identify nonconstruction alternatives to building and facility needs such as building closure, modification of school boundaries, modification of school grade configurations and similar approaches. Demolition or use, lease or other methods of disposition of surplus buildings and facilities shall be incorporated as part of the district plan,

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including the disposition of any existing land owned by the district. The plan shall not include the abandonment or demolition of any school facility or building unless there has first been a public hearing on the issue. The plan shall also specify identified alternative methods of building disposition, proposed allocation of costs incurred or revenues resulting from disposition and allocation of disposition revenues to offset any costs paid by the department. In addition, district facility plans shall include:

(i) Student enrollment projections for a period of ~~not less than~~ five (5) years commencing on the date as determined by the commission of anticipated completion of project construction using commission approved measures and techniques, including a description of the methods used in making projections. The commission may adjust projections computed under this paragraph as necessary to reflect more precise analysis and evaluation of historical, economic, social and other data impacting the community in which the buildings are or are to be located;

21-15-117. Annual evaluation of school buildings and facilities; remediation schedule; needs prioritization; combining facilities; implementation of remedy.

(a) Through the identification of school building and facility conditions and needs provided by the assessment conducted and maintained under W.S. 21-15-115, and a comparison of the identified conditions and needs with the established statewide building adequacy standards and the district facility plans developed under W.S. 21-15-116, the commission shall, based upon reports provided by the department and in coordination and cooperation with the districts, evaluate the adequacy of school buildings and facilities within local school districts. Based upon this

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evaluation, the commission shall establish a schedule for building and facility remediation. Remediation shall bring all buildings and facilities to conditions such that over time, only routine maintenance is required to maintain building adequacy. The schedule shall identify and prioritize building and facility remedies on a statewide basis, based upon a building condition score developed by the commission subject to the following:

(iii) Analysis of student enrollment changes, as based upon commission approved enrollment projection methodology, to determine the need for changes in building capacities ~~over time~~ for compliance with statewide adequacy standards over a five (5) year projection period commencing on the date of anticipated completion of project construction. The commission may adjust projections computed under this paragraph as necessary to reflect more precise analysis and evaluation of historical, economic, social and other data impacting the community in which the building is or is to be located. Analysis under this paragraph shall prioritize remediation for those buildings requiring additional space to comply with statewide adequacy standards;

21-15-123. School facilities department; creation; control; director; duties and authority.

(f) The school facilities department shall:

(ii) Subject to W.S. 21-15-117(a)(iii), establish a consistent, systematic research approach for student enrollment projections used by districts in developing district facility plans and forecasting building and facility needs to comply with statewide building adequacy standards;

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2013.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk