

SENATE FILE NO. SF0008

School capital construction-capacity.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Facilities

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school capital construction; clarifying
2 utilization factors within building capacity criteria used
3 by the school facilities commission in building needs
4 prioritization; 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. 21-15-115(a)(vi) and 21-15-117(e)(iv)
9 are amended to read:

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11 **21-15-115. Statewide standards for school building**
12 **and facility adequacy; adequacy assessment.**

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14 (a) The commission shall by rule and regulation
15 establish and maintain uniform statewide standards for the
16 adequacy of school buildings and facilities necessary for
17 providing educational programs prescribed by law for the

1 public schools. If a building owned by a district meets the
2 applicable standards under this subsection for use by the
3 district to educate students and was previously used for
4 the purpose of educating students, no municipal or county
5 zoning requirements shall be construed or applied so as to
6 prevent the district from using the building for the
7 purpose of educating students, or to require the district
8 to make any modification to the building as a condition of
9 using the building for the purpose of educating students.
10 The uniform standards shall at minimum include:

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12 (vi) Building capacity criteria aligned to the
13 prescribed state educational program, with consideration
14 given to utilization differences between school sizes and
15 school levels in accordance with W.S. 21-15-117(e)(iv);

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17 **21-15-117. Annual evaluation of school buildings and**
18 **facilities; remediation schedule; needs prioritization;**
19 **combining facilities; implementation of remedy.**

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21 (e) For any building subject to paragraph (a)(iii) of
22 this section, and when prioritizing buildings and
23 facilities based upon condition pursuant to subsection (a)
24 of this section, the commission shall consider criteria for

1 building capacity established by commission rule and
2 regulation which include:

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4 (iv) An examination of loading and utilization
5 factors for that building to encourage the efficient use of
6 classrooms with a factor of eighty-five percent (85%) of
7 the instructional area applied to middle and high school
8 level buildings, and a factor of one hundred percent (100%)
9 of the home room instructional area applied to elementary
10 school buildings; and

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
13 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
14 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
15 Constitution.

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