

SENATE FILE NO. SF0115

Teacher qualifications-district determinations.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Kinskey, Anderson, Bebout, Burns,  
Coe, Hicks and Landen and Representative(s)  
Biteman, Clem, Lone, Madden, Pownall and  
Winters

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; authorizing school district  
2 boards of trustees to determine the qualifications of  
3 certified teachers in specified content areas; providing  
4 rulemaking authority; 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. 21-2-802(a)(i)(intro) and 21-3-111(a)  
9 by creating a new paragraph (xxii) are amended to read:

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11 **21-2-802. Powers and duties; teacher certification;**  
12 **suspension and revocation; certification fees; disposition**  
13 **of collected fees; required data submissions to department**  
14 **of education.**

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2 (a) The board shall promulgate rules and  
3 regulations:

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5 (i) For the certification of school  
6 administrators, teachers and other personnel to require  
7 either examination in specified subjects or the completion  
8 of courses in approved institutions, or both. However,  
9 nothing in this article shall be construed as permitting  
10 the board to impose any additional requirements beyond  
11 licensure in his own profession on any person licensed  
12 pursuant to title 33 in order for that person to practice  
13 his own profession in the schools as an employee of or  
14 contractor for a school district. Board rules and  
15 regulations shall require the following minimum  
16 qualifications and, subject to W.S. 21-3-111(a)(xxii), any  
17 additional qualifications for additional training in a  
18 broad general education as the board may designate:

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20 **21-3-111. Powers of boards of trustees.**

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22 (a) The board of trustees in each school district  
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(xxii) Promulgate rules and regulations, which shall override any inconsistent or contrary rules of the professional teaching standards board promulgated under W.S. 21-2-802(a)(i), to determine the qualifications of a certified teacher to teach specific academic content areas as follows:

(A) A teacher with a major or minor degree from an accredited college or university or other background or training in industrial arts, vocational or career technical education, agriculture, animal science or similar field may teach any class within or related to his degree, background or training, including but not limited to family and consumer sciences, business economics and management, welding, drafting, woodshop, small engines, electricity and wiring, building and construction and biological, physical and applied sciences, including computer science;

(B) A teacher with a major or minor degree from an accredited college or university or other background or training in social sciences, humanities or

1 similar field may teach any class within or related to his  
2 degree, background or training, including but not limited  
3 to United States, Wyoming or world history, anthropology,  
4 sociology, psychology, political science, civics, religion,  
5 philosophy, law, geography, economics, archaeology,  
6 journalism and related content from humanities, mathematics  
7 and natural sciences;

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9 (C) A teacher with a major or minor degree  
10 from an accredited college or university or other  
11 background or training in any of the sciences, mathematics  
12 or similar field may teach any class within or related to  
13 his degree, background or training, including but not  
14 limited to biology, physics, chemistry, computer science,  
15 mathematics, geometry, algebra, calculus, botany, health,  
16 psychology and physical and applied sciences.

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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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20 (END)