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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Public schools-statewide accountability process.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public schools; establishing a task
 2 force to develop a statewide accountability process and
 3 system for public schools; specifying membership; imposing
 4 system criteria; providing for transitional accountability;
 5 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
 6 date.

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

10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) A statewide task force is created to assist the
 13 state department of education in carrying out the
 14 requirements of this section. The department in
 15 consultation with the task force, shall investigate,

1 assemble and recommend necessary accountability processes
2 and systems to assist state efforts in addressing education
3 accountability requirements of the federal No Child Left
4 Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), while maintaining uniformity and
5 quality of the statewide education program standards and
6 state student content and performance standards as required
7 under W.S. 21-2-304. Recommendations under this subsection
8 shall specify a plan to implement sufficient accountability
9 processes and systems to enable the implementation of
10 rewards and sanctions as specified by the federal NCLB Act
11 based on the educational performance and progress of each
12 school district and each school within a district.

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14 (b) The state superintendent of public instruction
15 shall not later than April 1, 2003, appoint members to the
16 task force providing for representation by the following
17 participants in the education process:

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19 (i) School district administration personnel;

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21 (ii) Classroom teachers;

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23 (iii) Special education programs for children
24 with disabilities;

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(iv) School board members;

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(v) Business and industry;

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(vi) Taxpayers;

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(vii) Parents;

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(viii) Legislators.

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(c) Recommendations developed under subsection (a) of this section shall:

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(i) Integrate federal and state accountability requirements which shall be based upon the statewide student assessment system established under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v), statewide education program standards and student content and performance standards;

(ii) Develop a system of rewards and sanctions applicable to all schools and school districts which is consistent with school accountability and school improvement provisions specified by the federal NCLB Act

1 and which requires corrective action for those schools not
2 meeting established progress levels;

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4 (iii) Specify a level for and measure annual
5 progress of schools and school districts, including all
6 schools receiving state assistance;

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8 (iv) Be developed in sufficient time for
9 implementation in the 2004-2005 school year.

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11 (d) On or before August 1, 2003, the state department
12 shall report its findings and recommendations developed
13 under this section to the joint education interim
14 committee. Following its review and approval, the
15 committee shall present recommendations including any
16 necessary enabling legislation, to the legislature at the
17 2004 budget session.

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19 (e) For school year 2003-2004 and prior to
20 implementation of the recommendations developed under this
21 section for implementation during school year 2004-2005,
22 and as necessary to comply with the federal NCLB Act, the
23 state department shall, in consultation with the task force
24 established by this section, establish a transitional plan

1 to provide a temporary system of rewards and sanctions for
2 all schools and school districts. Prior to implementation,
3 the transitional plan shall be presented to the joint
4 education interim committee on or before November 1, 2003.
5 The transitional plan shall terminate upon expiration of
6 the 2003-2004 school year.

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8 (f) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is
9 appropriated from the general fund to the state department
10 of education to implement this section.

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12 **Section 2.** Rewards and sanctions imposed under the
13 federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 shall apply only
14 to those schools receiving federal Title I funds until the
15 processes and systems developed under section 1 of this act
16 are implemented and operational.

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

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