

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0115

Charter schools-application.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Teeters and Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to charter schools; requiring charter
2 school applications and renewal applications to be uniform
3 statewide; imposing duties upon the state superintendent;
4 and providing for effective dates.

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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. 21-3-307(a)(intro) and (d) and
9 21-3-309(b)(intro) are amended to read:

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11 **21-3-307. Charter application; contents; phased-in**
12 **application process.**

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14 (a) The charter school application shall be a
15 proposed agreement, shall be on a form prescribed by the
16 state superintendent pursuant to subsection (d) of this
17 section, and shall include:

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(d) The state superintendent shall through rule and regulation prescribe a uniform charter school application and renewal application form to be used by each district and charter school applicant for purposes of this article, and shall establish charter school application review procedures, including timelines for application components specified under subsection (a) of this section. The phased application process prescribed by state superintendent rule and regulation may provide a process for mediation of disputes concerning completeness of an application between the applicant and school district, which would be subject to W.S. 1-43-101 through 1-43-104, would allow either party to initiate mediation and would impose costs of mediation equally upon both parties. Any mediation process prescribed by rule shall specify professional requirements for the impartial third party facilitating mediation. If either party refuses to mediate, the dispute may be appealed to the state board as provided in W.S. 21-3-310.

21-3-309. Length of operation under charter; renewal; revocation.

1 (b) A charter school renewal application submitted to
2 the school district shall be on a form prescribed by the
3 state superintendent pursuant to W.S. 21-3-307(d) and shall
4 contain:

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6 **Section 2.** Rules and regulations of the state
7 superintendent of public instruction establishing charter
8 school application and renewal application forms pursuant
9 to W.S. 21-3-307(d), as amended by section 1 of this act,
10 shall be promulgated in sufficient time for use by school
11 districts and charter school applicants on and after July
12 1, 2011.

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14 **Section 3.**

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16 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this
17 section, this act is effective July 1, 2011.

1 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
2 section 2 of this act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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