

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0155

Student assessment-amendments.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to student assessment; modifying statewide
2 student assessment requirements; specifying assessment
3 components and incorporating statewide criteria ensuring
4 uniform measurement; delegating assessment responsibilities
5 and granting rulemaking authority; specifying
6 implementation and requiring reporting; and providing for
7 effective dates.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xiv), 21-2-304(a) by
12 creating a new paragraph (vii) and 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) are
13 amended to read:

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15 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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1 (a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law,
2 the state superintendent shall:

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4 (xiv) For purposes of the statewide assessment
5 of students and reporting student performance under W.S.
6 21-2-304(a)(v), have authority to assess and collect
7 student educational assessment data from school districts,
8 community colleges and the University of Wyoming. All data
9 shall be provided within a reasonable time in accordance
10 with rules and regulations of the state board. In addition
11 and pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(vii) and
12 21-3-110(a)(xxiv)(B), the state superintendent shall
13 through the department, receive scores for each student
14 assessed by each school district under the benchmark
15 adaptive assessment administered under W.S.
16 21-3-110(a)(xxiv)(B), with appropriate linkages to
17 teachers, schools and districts, reported in formats and
18 schedules established by rule and regulation of the state
19 board;

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21 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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23 (a) The state board of education shall:
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1 (vii) Through benchmark adaptive assessments
2 administered by school districts as a component of the
3 district assessment system under W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxiv),
4 establish statewide standards for the assessment of student
5 growth in mathematics, reading and writing for all
6 students, to be integrated into the statewide assessment
7 and accountability system established under paragraphs
8 (a)(v) and (vi) of this section. The standards shall
9 include:

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11 (A) A benchmark testing system administered
12 uniformly statewide by school districts, covering
13 curriculum standards established by board rule and
14 regulation, to be administered subject to board prescribed
15 procedures;

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17 (B) Prescribed growth by subject area and
18 by grade level;

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20 (C) Processes and procedures for equating
21 benchmark assessment results with assessment results
22 obtained under the statewide assessment administered under
23 paragraph (a)(v) of this section, using school year

2011-2012 as the initial year for basing growth measurements;

(D) Use of assessment results to design educational strategies for improvement and enhancement of student performance through district school improvement plans assembled in accordance with subparagraph (a)(v)(H) of this section.

21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.

(a) The board of trustees in each school district shall:

(xxiv) Establish a student assessment system to measure student performance relative to the uniform student content and performance standards in all content areas for which the state board has promulgated standards pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii). To the extent required by the state board under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v) ~~, and (vi)~~ and (vii), the district assessment system shall be integrated with the statewide assessment system and the statewide accountability system. ~~A component~~ Components of the

1 district assessment system required by this paragraph shall
2 include the following:

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4 (A) A body of evidence assessment system
5 designed and used to determine the various levels of
6 student performance as described in the uniform student
7 content and performance standards relative to the common
8 core of knowledge and skills prescribed under W.S.
9 21-9-101(b); and

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11 (B) In accordance with W.S.
12 21-2-304(a)(vii), a standardized benchmark assessment
13 designed to measure student progress during the school year
14 using a statewide adaptive standard of assessment set by
15 the state board of education, administered not less than
16 two (2) times during each school year in accordance with
17 prescribed time periods and procedures established by the
18 state board. Assessment scores shall be reported to the
19 department of education at times and in a manner prescribed
20 by board rule and regulation, and shall include appropriate
21 linkages to teachers and schools within the district.

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23 **Section 2.** The state board of education shall
24 promulgate rules and regulations implementing this act in

1 sufficient time for administration of the assessment in
2 accordance with this act by the 2011-2012 school year. The
3 board, together with the department of education, shall
4 report progress on implementing section 1 of this act to
5 the joint education interim committee and the joint
6 appropriations interim committee on or before December 1,
7 2011.

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9 **Section 3.**

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

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

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20 (END)