

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0182

Student assessment measures.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Throne, Miller and Teeters
and Senator(s) Peterson, Rothfuss and
Schiffer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; modifying the statewide
2 assessment as specified; and providing for an effective
3 date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v)(intro), (B), (E) and
8 (H) is amended to read:

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10 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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12 (a) The state board of education shall:

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14 (v) Through the state superintendent and in
15 consultation and coordination with local school districts,
16 implement a statewide assessment system comprised of a

1 coherent system of measures that when combined, provide a
2 reliable and valid measure of individual student
3 achievement for each public school and school district
4 within the state, and the performance of the state as a
5 whole. ~~Improvement of teaching and learning in schools and~~
6 ~~fostering school program improvement shall be the primary~~
7 ~~purposes of statewide assessment of student performance in~~
8 ~~Wyoming.~~ The statewide assessment system shall include the
9 following, provided that effective school year 2011-2012
10 the statewide assessment system shall not exceed the
11 minimum requirements necessary to comply with the federal
12 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Section 1111:

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14 (B) Be administered at appropriate levels
15 at specified grades and at appropriate intervals aligned to
16 the standards, specifically assessing student performance
17 in reading, ~~writing~~ and mathematics at grades four (4),
18 eight (8) and eleven (11), and effective school year 2005-
19 2006, and each school year thereafter, assessing student
20 performance in reading, ~~writing~~ and mathematics at grades
21 three (3) through eight (8) and at grade eleven (11). In
22 addition and commencing school year 2007-2008 and each
23 school year thereafter, the statewide assessment system
24 shall assess student performance in science not less than

1 once within each grade band for grades three (3) through
2 five (5), grades six (6) through eight (8) and grades ten
3 (10) through twelve (12). The structure and design of the
4 assessment system shall allow for the comprehensive
5 measurement of student performance ~~through assessments that~~
6 ~~are administered each school year simultaneously on a~~
7 ~~statewide basis and through assessments administered~~
8 ~~periodically over the course of the school year which are~~
9 ~~designed to provide a more comprehensive and in depth~~
10 ~~measurement of subject areas aligned to the state content~~
11 ~~and performance standards. The assessment system may also~~
12 ~~measure the other common core of knowledge and skills~~
13 ~~established under W.S. 21-9-101(b) which can be quantified~~
14 in combination with student assessments administered by
15 school districts pursuant to W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxiv);
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17 (E) Include multiple measures and item
18 types including grade appropriate multiple choice and open-
19 ended testing such as constructed-response, extended-
20 response and performance-based tasks, to ensure alignment
21 to the statewide student content and performance standards
22 and compliance with the requirements of the federal No
23 Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Section 1111;
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(H) Provide a measure of accountability to enhance ~~teaching and~~ learning in Wyoming and in combination with other measures and information, assist school districts in determining individual student progress. The assessment results shall be reported to students, parents, schools, school districts and the public in an accurate, complete and timely manner and shall be used in conjunction with a school district's annual assessment to design educational strategies for improvement and enhancement of student performance. This design for improvement shall be part of each district's school improvement plan. In consultation and coordination with school districts, the board shall review and evaluate the assessment system regularly and based upon uniform statewide reports from each district, annually report to the legislature on student performance at specified grade levels and on school improvement plans.

19 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
20 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
21 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
22 Constitution.

24 (END)