

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0017

School capital construction-enrollment methodology.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Facilities

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school capital construction; prescribing
2 methodology for the analysis of enrollment projections as
3 used in prioritization of facility remedies by the school
4 facilities commission; 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. 21-15-116(a)(i), 21-15-117(a)(iii)
9 and 21-15-123(f)(ii) are amended to read:

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11 **21-15-116. School district facility plans;**
12 **development, review and approval; plan criteria;**
13 **administrative review.**

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15 (a) In accordance with rules and regulations of the
16 commission, long range comprehensive school building and
17 facility plans for each school district shall be developed

1 by the department in coordination with the applicable
2 district, which address district wide building and facility
3 needs. The facility plan shall identify building and
4 facility needs in accordance with the statewide adequacy
5 standards, actions to remediate building and facility needs
6 including construction, renovation and major building and
7 facility repair and replacement expenditures, and any local
8 enhancements to buildings and facilities beyond statewide
9 adequacy standards. The facility plan shall include a
10 response to each building and facility need identified on a
11 building-by-building, space-by-space basis. The plan shall
12 also review and to the extent practical, identify
13 nonconstruction alternatives to building and facility needs
14 such as building closure, modification of school
15 boundaries, modification of school grade configurations and
16 similar approaches. Demolition or use, lease or other
17 methods of disposition of surplus buildings and facilities
18 shall be incorporated as part of the district plan,
19 including the disposition of any existing land owned by the
20 district. The plan shall not include the abandonment or
21 demolition of any school facility or building unless there
22 has first been a public hearing on the issue. The plan
23 shall also specify identified alternative methods of
24 building disposition, proposed allocation of costs incurred

1 or revenues resulting from disposition and allocation of
2 disposition revenues to offset any costs paid by the
3 department. In addition, district facility plans shall
4 include:

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6 (i) Student enrollment projections for a period
7 of ~~not less than~~ five (5) years commencing on the date as
8 determined by the commission of anticipated completion of
9 project construction using commission approved measures and
10 techniques, including a description of the methods used in
11 making projections. The commission may adjust projections
12 computed under this paragraph as necessary to reflect more
13 precise analysis and evaluation of historical, economic,
14 social and other data impacting the community in which the
15 buildings are or are to be located;

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17 **21-15-117. Annual evaluation of school buildings and**
18 **facilities; remediation schedule; needs prioritization;**
19 **combining facilities; implementation of remedy.**

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21 (a) Through the identification of school building and
22 facility conditions and needs provided by the assessment
23 conducted and maintained under W.S. 21-15-115, and a
24 comparison of the identified conditions and needs with the

1 established statewide building adequacy standards and the
2 district facility plans developed under W.S. 21-15-116, the
3 commission shall, based upon reports provided by the
4 department and in coordination and cooperation with the
5 districts, evaluate the adequacy of school buildings and
6 facilities within local school districts. Based upon this
7 evaluation, the commission shall establish a schedule for
8 building and facility remediation. Remediation shall bring
9 all buildings and facilities to conditions such that over
10 time, only routine maintenance is required to maintain
11 building adequacy. The schedule shall identify and
12 prioritize building and facility remedies on a statewide
13 basis, based upon a building condition score developed by
14 the commission subject to the following:

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16 (iii) Analysis of student enrollment changes, as
17 based upon commission approved enrollment projection
18 methodology, to determine the need for changes in building
19 capacities ~~over time~~ for compliance with statewide adequacy
20 standards over a five (5) year projection period commencing
21 on the date of anticipated completion of project
22 construction. The commission may adjust projections
23 computed under this paragraph as necessary to reflect more
24 precise analysis and evaluation of historical, economic,

1 social and other data impacting the community in which the
2 building is or is to be located. Analysis under this
3 paragraph shall prioritize remediation for those buildings
4 requiring additional space to comply with statewide
5 adequacy standards;

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7 **21-15-123. School facilities department; creation;**
8 **control; director; duties and authority.**

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10 (f) The school facilities department shall:

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12 (ii) Subject to W.S. 21-15-117(a)(iii),
13 establish a consistent, systematic research approach for
14 student enrollment projections used by districts in
15 developing district facility plans and forecasting building
16 and facility needs to comply with statewide building
17 adequacy standards;

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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21 (END)