

**Bill No.:** SF0032 **Effective:** 3/11/2016

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**Enrolled Act No.:** SEA No. 0064

**Chapter No.:** 108

**Prime Sponsor:** Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability

**Catch Title:** Alternative school accountability.

**Subject:** Continues creation of an alternative school accountability model under the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- The Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability received a report pursuant to 2015 law related to a school level accountability system appropriate for alternative schools.
- The recommendations of the Technical Advisory Group for the creation of an alternative school accountability model are incorporated in this act and include:
  - o Requiring the Wyoming Department of Education (Department) to pilot an alternative school accountability model in school year 2016-2017 utilizing existing alternative school data and the indicators identified in the 2015 report (including student growth and achievement measured by the statewide summative assessment, college and career-readiness measured by credits earned towards graduation, student engagement measured by attendance, and a student success plan and school climate as measured by appropriate survey instruments);
  - o Requiring the Department submit proposed business rules to govern the operation of an alternative school accountability model not later than July 1, 2016, to the Technical Advisory Group and the Joint Education Interim Committee and the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability;
  - o Mandating that the Wyoming State Board of Education (State Board) convene professional judgement panels to set appropriate performance levels for alternative schools and report to the Joint Education Interim Committee and the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability periodically, with a final report to be submitted not later than October 15, 2018;
  - o Requiring the State Board to identify an appropriate system of support for alternative schools.
- The act exempts alternative schools from the school level performance ratings required under the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act, providing that the alternative schools will receive informational reporting only.
- The act continues the operation of the Alternative School Technical Advisory Group and the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability.
- Appropriates \$6,500 for the operation of professional judgement panels and \$3,500 for expenses associated with the operation of the Technical Advisory Group.

**Comments:** Multiple reports required as noted above.

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