

SENATE FILE NO. SF0129

Education reporting requirements.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Bebout, Coe, Ellis and Landen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; amending and eliminating
2 reporting requirements as specified; and providing for an
3 effective 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. 21-2-202(a)(xx) and (f), 21-4-302(e),
8 21-4-601(d), 21-13-321(d) and 21-16-1307(f)(ii) and (g) are
9 amended to read:

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11 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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

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1 (xx) In cooperation with the state board, the
2 Wyoming community college commission, University of Wyoming,
3 public service commission, department of transportation,
4 department of enterprise technology services, public
5 libraries, school district boards of trustees, classroom
6 teachers and other appropriate groups identified by the
7 superintendent, develop and implement a statewide education
8 technology plan which shall address staff training,
9 curriculum integration and network connectivity in and
10 between schools, communities and between the state and the
11 world, and which shall have as its goal the provision of equal
12 access to educational instruction and information. The
13 statewide technology education plan may include
14 telecommunications services provided by the department of
15 enterprise technology services pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2906(g);
16 ~~Not later than January 10 of each year and with the assistance~~
17 ~~of participating agencies, an annual report on the status of~~
18 ~~the statewide education technology plan shall be prepared and~~
19 ~~issued by the state superintendent;~~

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21 (f) ~~Not later than October 15 each year, the state~~
22 ~~superintendent shall prepare a report on the general status~~
23 ~~of all public schools for the legislature. The report shall~~

1 ~~include the quality of education including any proposed~~
2 ~~improvement to address any shortfalls, the relevance of~~
3 ~~education, the measurement of achievement of educational~~
4 ~~goals, the improvement of learning and any suggested~~
5 ~~innovations in education.~~ The state superintendent shall
6 identify professional development needs for Wyoming schools
7 and teachers, ~~based upon the analysis of the quality~~
8 ~~indicators specified under this subsection,~~ establish a plan
9 to address the professional development needs, contract with
10 necessary expertise to provide professional development to
11 Wyoming certified teachers and conduct up to five (5) regional
12 workshops each year providing the identified professional
13 development needs.

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15 **21-4-302. Age for registration in first grade and**
16 **kindergarten; preschool programs.**

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18 (e) A school district which provides a preschool
19 program under subsection (c) of this section biennially shall
20 assess, through the fourth grade when practical, the school
21 readiness and academic performance of pupils who participate
22 in the program as compared with those who do not participate
23 in the program. ~~The district shall report the results of the~~

1 ~~assessment to the department of education and the department~~
2 ~~shall report the results to the joint education interim~~
3 ~~committee of the legislature on or before October 1 of each~~
4 ~~even-numbered year.~~ The results of any assessment required by
5 this subsection shall be open for public inspection.
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7 **21-4-601. Education programs on the Wind River Indian**
8 **Reservation.**
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10 (d) The joint business council of the Eastern Shoshone
11 and the Northern Arapaho Indian Tribes shall annually report
12 to the governor, ~~and~~ the state superintendent of public
13 instruction, ~~the joint education interim committee and the~~
14 ~~select committee on tribal relations~~ on the expenditure of
15 contractual amounts as required under subsection (b) of this
16 section.
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18 **21-13-321. Special education; amount within foundation**
19 **program formula for special education programs and services;**
20 **district reporting requirements.**
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22 (d) The department of education shall adopt necessary
23 rules and regulations to implement and administer this

1 section. Districts shall report special education program
2 expenditures for the applicable reporting period as required
3 by department rule and regulation. District expenditures
4 computed under subsection (b) of this section shall not
5 include expenditures for employee contributions to the
6 Wyoming retirement system exceeding five and fifty-seven
7 hundredths percent (5.57%) of any member employee's salary.
8 The department shall annually review and report to the joint
9 education interim committee regarding services provided to
10 special education students by school districts. ~~The report~~
11 ~~shall evaluate the extent to which services are being~~
12 ~~appropriately provided and whether expenditures for services~~
13 ~~are reasonable in light of charges by providers of similar~~
14 ~~services in Wyoming.~~ In addition, the department shall when
15 necessary, conduct audits of information submitted by
16 districts under this section and may, in accordance with W.S.
17 21-13-307(b), correct the information reported by districts
18 as necessary to fairly and accurately reflect the data type,
19 classification and format required to administer this section
20 in accordance with law and department rule and regulation.

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22 **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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1 (f) The courses set forth as success curricula
2 requirements under this article shall be aligned with the
3 student content and performance standards established
4 pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii). The department shall by
5 rule and regulation:

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7 (ii) Establish exceptions as necessary due to good
8 cause to specific coursework within the success curriculum
9 specified under this article for students attending or
10 graduating from an eligible high school or a home-based
11 educational program. In addition, the department shall waive
12 any requirement for success curriculum coursework for fine
13 and performing arts or career-vocational education for honor
14 or performance scholarship eligibility, upon written
15 certification by the superintendent of a district that these
16 courses are not available in the district to the student.
17 ~~Not later than September 1 each year,~~ The department shall
18 report ~~to the joint education interim committee~~ any waiver
19 granted under this section for the immediately preceding
20 school year in its annual report, as required by W.S.
21 21-16-1308(d); and

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1 (g) ~~In each odd-numbered year, the department, in~~
2 ~~consultation with the University of Wyoming, Wyoming~~
3 ~~community colleges and the community college commission,~~
4 ~~shall report to the governor and the joint education interim~~
5 ~~committee of the legislature on recommendations for~~
6 ~~modifications to the success curriculum requirements, minimum~~
7 ~~cumulative GPA and minimum national percentile rank scores or~~
8 ~~minimum cumulative WORKKEYS scores contained in this article~~
9 ~~and recommendations for the adoption of statewide student~~
10 ~~assessment standards and scores to augment qualifying~~
11 ~~national percentile rankings or WORKKEYS scores, all to~~
12 ~~ensure that the Hathaway scholarship program is designed to~~
13 ~~provide the desired incentives for students to pursue a~~
14 ~~rigorous curriculum and strive to achieve academic success.~~
15 ~~The report shall also include any additional resources which~~
16 ~~school districts, particularly those school districts granted~~
17 ~~exemptions for students under paragraph (f)(ii) of this~~
18 ~~section, may require to provide the success curriculum.~~ The
19 cumulative GPA requirements for performance under the success
20 curriculum shall not be restricted to those courses
21 comprising the success curriculum, but shall be applied
22 comprehensively to all courses included within each
23 scholarship student's high school curriculum.

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2 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-16-1308(c)(vii) and (viii) and
3 21-22-107(g) are repealed.

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5 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
6 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as
7 provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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9 (END)