

SENATE FILE NO. SF0068

Absenteeism in public schools.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ellis, Salazar and Scott and
Representative(s) Brown, Larsen and Simpson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; amending provisions related
2 to school attendance and unexcused absences; clarifying
3 what constitutes an unexcused absence for purposes of
4 school attendance; amending and repealing duties and powers
5 of the boards of trustees for Wyoming school districts;
6 requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-110(a) by creating a new
11 paragraph (xxxix) is amended to read:

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13 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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

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4 (xxxix) Define "habitual truancy" and "unexcused
5 absence" for all students who are attending public schools
6 and establish rules regarding student attendance. For
7 purposes of this paragraph, a preapproved absence or an
8 absence due to an illness, injury or the health care needs
9 of the student or a death or serious illness in the
10 student's family shall not constitute an unexcused absence.
11 Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a school district
12 from requesting verification of the reasons for an absence.

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14 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-3-111(a)(xvi) is repealed.

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16 **Section 3.** Not later than August 1, 2021, the board
17 of trustees in each school district in Wyoming shall adopt
18 any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
19 act.

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1 **Section 4.**

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3 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
4 section, this act is effective immediately upon completion
5 of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided
6 by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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8 (b) Sections 1 and 2 of this act are effective August
9 1, 2021.

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