

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0175

Excused absence-state fair events.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Strock, Allemand, Knapp and
Slagle and Senator(s) Boner

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to student attendance; modifying the duties
2 of local boards of trustees; modifying excused absences for
3 events associated with the state fair; and providing for an
4 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. 21-3-110(a)(xxxix) is amended to
9 read:

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11 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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13 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
14 shall:

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1 (xxxix) Define "unexcused absence", "habitual
2 truant" and "willful absenteeism" for all students who are
3 attending public schools and establish rules regarding
4 student attendance. For purposes of this paragraph, an
5 absence preapproved by the district or an absence due to an
6 illness, injury or the health care needs of the student or
7 a death or serious illness in the student's family shall
8 not constitute an unexcused absence. Students participating
9 in programming or competitions sponsored by nationally
10 recognized organizations and clubs that promote youth
11 agricultural education, the annual state fair held under
12 W.S. 11-10-101 as an exhibitor or events associated with
13 participation in the annual state fair shall be considered
14 as participating in a district cocurricular activity
15 program and the student's absence shall be defined by the
16 board as an excused absence. Nothing in this paragraph
17 shall prohibit a school district from requesting
18 verification of the reasons for an absence.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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