

## 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 the annual state fair held under W.S. 11-10-101 as an  
10 exhibitor or events associated with participation in the  
11 annual state fair shall be considered as participating in a  
12 district cocurricular activity program and the student's  
13 absence shall be defined by the board as an excused  
14 absence. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a school  
15 district from requesting verification of the reasons for an  
16 absence.

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

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