

SENATE FILE NO. SF0132

Study of K-12 education program.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ellis and Representative(s)
Andrew, Neiman and Trujillo

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; modifying the duties of the
2 state board of education as specified; requiring a study;
3 requiring reporting; requiring adoption of graduation
4 standards as specified; providing an appropriation; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-304(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (viii) is amended to read:

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12 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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14 (a) The state board of education shall:

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1 (viii) Publish the uniform student content and
2 performance standards for the common core of knowledge and
3 the common core of skills specified under W.S. 21-9-101(b),
4 adopted by the state board pursuant to paragraph (iii) of
5 this subsection, in a manner that allows school districts
6 to identify all standards across all content areas by grade
7 level.

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9 **Section 2.**

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11 (a) The state superintendent of public instruction,
12 in consultation with the state board of education and local
13 school districts, shall study the common core of knowledge
14 and skills contained in W.S. 21-9-101(b) and the uniform
15 student content and performance standards promulgated
16 pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii), to include, at a
17 minimum, the following:

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19 (i) Examination of the common core of knowledge
20 and skills to ensure all students are provided with the
21 opportunity to acquire sufficient knowledge and skills, at
22 a minimum, to enter the University of Wyoming and Wyoming
23 community colleges, to prepare students for the job market

1 or post secondary career and technical training and to
2 achieve the general purposes of education that equips
3 students for their role as a citizen, and participant in
4 the political system and to have the opportunity to compete
5 both intellectually and economically in society;

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7 (ii) Consideration of elimination, addition and
8 modification of the common core of knowledge and skills
9 contained in W.S. 21-9-101(b), including but not limited to
10 consideration of targeting specific grade levels as opposed
11 to the current structure that includes all common core of
12 knowledge and skills across all grades;

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14 (iii) Examination of the number of uniform
15 student content and performance standards promulgated by
16 the state board, including consideration of the practical
17 implications for the teaching profession when considering
18 the collective number of standards across all common core
19 of knowledge and skills by grade level;

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21 (iv) Examination of the relationship between the
22 common core of knowledge and skills, the uniform student
23 content and performance standards, the statewide

1 assessments administered pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iv)
2 and (v), district assessments administered pursuant to W.S.
3 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) and (xxxiv), district accreditation
4 administered pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(ii) and the
5 Wyoming Accountability in Education Act administered
6 pursuant to W.S. 21-2-202(a)(i), 21-2-204 and
7 21-2-304(a)(ii) and (vi). The state superintendent shall
8 consider mechanisms to better align and minimize the
9 requirements associated with the statewide assessments,
10 district assessments, district accreditation and the
11 accountability system;

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13 (v) Examination of the relationship between the
14 common core of knowledge and skills, the uniform student
15 content and performance standards and the uniform
16 graduation standards to be prescribed by the state board
17 under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii);

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19 (vi) A proposed schedule for implementation of
20 any recommended modifications of statutory directives in
21 response to the study required by this subsection and
22 necessary enabling legislation for consideration during the
23 2024 budget session.

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2 (b) Not later than August 1, 2023, the state
3 superintendent of public instruction shall report the
4 findings and recommendations from the study required by
5 subsection (a) of this section to the joint education
6 interim committee.

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8 (c) Based upon the report and recommendations
9 submitted pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this
10 section, the joint education interim committee shall report
11 its findings, including necessary enabling legislation to
12 the legislature for consideration during the 2024 budget
13 session.

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15 (d) Not later than January 1, 2024, the state board
16 of education shall adopt uniform graduation standards
17 required pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii).

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19 **Section 3.** There is appropriated seventy-two thousand
20 dollars (\$72,000.00) from the public school foundation
21 program account to the department of education for the
22 period beginning on the effective date of this act and
23 ending June 30, 2024. This appropriation shall be used to

1 complete the study and report required by the state
2 superintendent of public instruction by section 1 of this
3 act. This appropriation shall not be transferred or
4 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
5 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June
6 30, 2024 shall revert as provided by law. It is the intent
7 of the legislature that this appropriation shall not be
8 included in the standard budget for the department of
9 education for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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11 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
14 Constitution.

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