

SENATE FILE NO. SF0061

Education-charter school amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill, Cooper, Ellis, Ide and
Kolb and Representative(s) Andrew, Lawley,
Olsen and Wylie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to charter schools; authorizing charter
2 schools as local education agencies to receive and apply
3 for federal and state grants; modifying payment by school
4 districts to charter schools as specified; repealing
5 designation of charter school authorizers as the local
6 education agency for charter schools; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-315 is created to read:

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13 **21-3-315. Authority to act as a local education**
14 **agency.**

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1 (a) Any charter school authorized to operate under
2 this article may act as a local education agency to apply
3 for, receive or administer a grant through a grant program
4 created by a federal or state statute or program.

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6 (b) For charter schools electing to operate as a
7 local education agency as authorized under subsection (a)
8 of this section:

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10 (i) The department of education shall treat the
11 charter school as a local education agency and allow it to
12 apply for all federal and state grant moneys for which it
13 may be eligible;

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15 (ii) The charter school shall be responsible for
16 identifying, evaluating and offering programs and services
17 for students with disabilities, as identified under the
18 federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20
19 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., enrolled in the charter school.

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21 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-3-314 by creating a new subsection
22 (g) is amended to read:

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1 21-3-314. Students counted among district ADM;
2 determination of charter school funding; charter schools
3 designated as local education agency.

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5 (g) The school district in which a charter school is
6 located and operates shall distribute the amount computed
7 under this section to each charter school in the proportion
8 and schedule of distribution required under W.S.
9 21-13-313(c) or in accordance with an alternative schedule
10 agreed to by the school district and charter school.

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12 **Section 3.** W.S. 21-3-302.1(a)(vi) is repealed.

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14 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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