



HB0094

Charter school authorizations-amendments.

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Andrew, Bear, Bratten, Erickson, Heiner, Kelly, Lawley, Lien, Neiman, Singh and Stroock and Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Crum, Olsen, Scott and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to education; removing a limitation on the number of charter schools that the Wyoming charter school authorizing board may authorize; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

12/30/2024 Bill Number Assigned
1/2/2025 H Received for Introduction
1/17/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H04 - Education
1/20/2025 H04 - Education:Recommend Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Andrew, Bratten, Erickson, Guggenmos, Kelly, Lawley, Singh, Stroock, Williams

Ayes 9 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/20/2025 H Placed on General File
1/22/2025 H COW:Passed
1/23/2025 H 2nd Reading:Passed

HB0094H3001/FAILED

- Page 1-line 1 Delete "removing a" and insert "amending the".
- Page 1-line 3 After "authorize;" insert "providing an appropriation;".
- Page 2-line 1 After "March 15, 2025" insert "and ending March 15, 2027".
- Page 2-line 3 Delete "any number of" and insert "not more than two (2)".
- Page 3-after line 5 Insert:

"Section 4.

1. There is appropriated eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000.00) from the public school foundation program account to the department of education-school finance for increased foundation program payments to school districts for newly approved charter schools made necessary by the amendments enacted in section 1 of this act. This appropriation shall be effective for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the standard budget for the department of education-school finance for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

2. There is appropriated two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from the public school foundation program account to the state construction department for increased lease payments to school districts paid in accordance with W.S. 21-3-110(a)(x)(A) for newly approved charter schools made necessary by the amendments enacted in section 1 of this act. This appropriation shall be effective for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028."

Page 3-line 7 Delete "**Section 4.**" and insert "**Section 5.**". HARSHMAN

1/24/2025 H 3rd Reading:Passed 45-16-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Campbell, K, Connolly, Eklund, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie

Nays: Representative(s) Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Davis, Erickson, Harshman, Jarvis, Larsen, Nicholas, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Thayer, Yin

Excused: Representative Riggins

Ayes 45 **Nays** 16 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/24/2025 S Received for Introduction

2/10/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S04 - Education

2/24/2025 S04 - Education:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 4-1-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Brennan, Olsen, Schuler, Scott

Nays: Senator Rothfuss

Ayes 4 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/24/2025 S Placed on General File

HB0094SS001/ADOPTED

Page 2-line 1 Delete "March 15, 2025" and insert "July 1, 2025".

Page 2-line 16 Delete "March 15, 2025" and insert "July 1, 2025".

Page 3-line 7 Delete "immediately upon" and insert "July 1, 2025."

Page 3-lines 8 through 10 Delete entirely. SCHULER, CHAIRMAN

2/24/2025 S COW:Passed

HB0094S2001/FAILED

Page 1-line 1 Delete "removing" and insert "amending".

Page 2-line 1 Before "and" insert "and ending December 31, 2027,".

Page 2-line 3 Delete "any number of" and insert "not more than three (3)".

Page 2-line 4 After "schools" insert "that are in addition to any charter schools authorized before July 1, 2025".
SCHULER

HB0094S2002/FAILED

Page 1-line 4 After "amendments;" insert "repealing provisions of law;".

Page 1-line 8 Delete "a".

Page 1-line 9 Delete "subsection (k)" and insert "subsections (k) and (m)".

Page 2-after line 5 Insert:

"(m) Not later than October 1, 2025, and each October 1 thereafter through October 1, 2030, the Wyoming charter school authorizing board, in consultation with the state superintendent of public instruction and the state construction department, shall provide to the joint education interim committee, the joint appropriations committee and the select committee on school facilities a report identifying the fiscal impact on the public school foundation program account and the education resource block grant model as defined by W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv) as a result of any charter school approved by the Wyoming charter school authorizing board or approved by the state loan and investment board that is supervised by the Wyoming charter school authorizing board. The report shall specify the fiscal impact at the district and the school level and shall at minimum identify the amounts generated under W.S. 21-3-314(c) and amounts for facility needs, including but not limited to lease amounts, expenditures or requests for major building and facility repair and replacement under W.S. 21-15-109 and any other requests related to capital construction projects."

Page 3-line 5 Delete "Section 4(c) is" and insert " Section 4(c) and (d) are". SCHULER

2/25/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed
2/26/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 28-3-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) Case, Gierau, Rothfuss

Ayes 28 **Nays** 3 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/26/2025 H Received for Concurrence
2/26/2025 H Concur:Passed 53-6-3-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Byron, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Rodriguez-Williams,

Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Wylie

Nays: Representative(s) Campbell, E, Chestek, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Yin

Excused: Representative(s) Brown, L, Riggins, Winter

Ayes 53 **Nays** 6 **Excused** 3 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/26/2025 Assigned Number HEA No. 0047

2/27/2025 H Speaker Signed HEA No. 0047

2/27/2025 S President Signed HEA No. 0047

3/4/2025 Governor Vetoed HEA No. 0047

HB0094VT001/HADOPTEDSADOPTED

Override governor's veto to House Enrolled Act No. 0047, being original House Bill 94.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Crago, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pearson, Salazar, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Case, Cooper, Crum, Gierau, Landen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler

Ayes 21 **Nays** 10 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/6/2025 Assigned Chapter Number 127

HB0094VT001/HADOPTEDSADOPTED

Override governor's veto to House Enrolled Act No. 0047, being original House Bill 94.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Campbell, K, Connolly, Eklund, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie

Nays: Representative(s) Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Davis, Erickson, Harshman, Jarvis, Larsen, Nicholas, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Thayer

Excused: Representative(s) Brown, L, Lucas, Yin

Ayes 44 **Nays** 15 **Excused** 3 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0