

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0076

American Indian education program.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Allen, Barlow, Blackburn,
Blake, Connolly and Larsen and Senator(s)
Case and Ellis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public education; providing that the
2 heritage, history and contributions of American Indian
3 tribes be addressed through education; imposing
4 requirements on the state board of education and the
5 department of education; and providing for an effective
6 date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-4-602 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 6

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AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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15 **21-4-602. American Indian educational program.**

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2 (a) The state board through the department of
3 education shall, in cooperation with the Eastern Shoshone
4 and Northern Arapaho Indian tribes, evaluate and review
5 existing state social studies content and performance
6 standards to ensure the cultural heritage, history and
7 contemporary contributions of American Indians, with
8 particular emphasis on the Eastern Shoshone and the
9 Northern Arapaho Indian tribes, are addressed in the
10 Wyoming social studies content and performance standards.

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12 (b) The department shall, in consultation with the
13 respective Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Indian
14 tribe, make available materials and resources on the
15 department's official web site to assist school districts
16 in meeting social studies benchmarks within Wyoming social
17 studies content and performance standards relating to the
18 study of American Indian tribes.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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