

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0124

Education-content and performance standards.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Teeters and Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education content and performance
2 standards; modifying the process for revision of the
3 content and performance standards; requiring legislative
4 review of proposed revision prior to adoption; 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)(iii)(intro) and (c) and
10 21-13-101(a)(v) are 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 (iii) By rule and regulation, subject to review
2 by the Wyoming legislature as required by subsection (c) of
3 this section, and in consultation and coordination with
4 local school districts, prescribe uniform student content
5 and performance standards for the common core of knowledge
6 and the common core of skills specified under W.S.
7 21-9-101(b), and promulgate uniform standards for programs
8 addressing the special needs of student populations
9 specified under W.S. 21-9-101(c) that ensure these student
10 populations are provided the opportunity to learn the
11 common core knowledge and skills as prescribed by the
12 uniform student content and performance standards pursuant
13 to this paragraph. Student content and performance
14 standards prescribed under this paragraph shall include
15 standards for graduation from any high school within any
16 school district of this state and shall describe required
17 performance levels in order to achieve proficiency of the
18 common core of knowledge and common core of skills
19 prescribed under W.S. 21-9-101(b). The ability to prescribe
20 content and performance standards shall not be construed to
21 give the state board of education the authority to
22 prescribe textbooks or curriculum which the state board is
23 hereby forbidden to do. Graduation standards imposed under
24 this paragraph shall require the successful completion of

1 the following components, as evidenced by passing grades or
2 by the successful performance on competency-based
3 equivalency examinations:

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5 (c) The state board shall perform an ongoing review
6 of state board duties prescribed by law and may make
7 recommendations to the legislature on board duties. In
8 addition and not less than once every five (5) years, the
9 board shall evaluate and review the uniformity and quality
10 of the educational program standards imposed under W.S.
11 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and the student content and
12 performance standards promulgated under paragraph (a)(iii)
13 of this section, and shall report findings and
14 recommendations to the joint education interim committee of
15 the legislature on or before ~~December~~November 1 of the
16 year in which the review and evaluation was undertaken. The
17 recommendations shall include identification of any
18 education program standards that the state board
19 anticipates will require revision of the accompanying rules
20 and regulations. The joint education interim committee
21 shall report its recommendations, based upon findings and
22 recommendations of the state board, to the legislature
23 during the immediately following legislative session.
24 Effective April 15, 2014 and each year thereafter, and

1 prior to adoption, the state board shall allow sufficient
2 time for legislative deliberation during a general or
3 budget session of the legislature on recommendations of the
4 joint education interim committee on the proposed revision
5 of rules and regulations governing the student content and
6 performance standards.

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8 **21-13-101. Definitions.**

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10 (a) As used in this chapter:

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12 (v) "Foundation program" means the level of
13 funding which is to be made available to each district
14 under this article so that each district is able to comply
15 with the state uniform educational program standards
16 imposed under W.S. 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and the uniform
17 state student content and performance standards prescribed
18 by the state board of education under W.S. ~~21-2-304(a)(v)~~
19 21-2-304(a)(iii) and (c);

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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 by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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