

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0155

Student assessment-amendments.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to student assessment; modifying statewide
2 student assessment requirements; specifying assessment
3 components and incorporating statewide criteria ensuring
4 uniform measurement; delegating assessment responsibilities
5 and granting rulemaking authority; expanding district
6 authority in establishing local assessment systems;
7 specifying implementation and requiring reporting;
8 providing an appropriation; and providing for effective
9 dates.

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

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13 **Section** 1. W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xiv),
14 21-2-304(a)(iv)(intro), (vi)(B) and by creating a new
15 paragraph (vii) and 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) are amended to read:

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17 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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2 (a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law,
3 the state superintendent shall:

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5 (xiv) For purposes of the statewide assessment
6 of students and reporting student performance under W.S.
7 21-2-304(a)(v), have authority to assess and collect
8 student educational assessment data from school districts,
9 community colleges and the University of Wyoming. All data
10 shall be provided within a reasonable time in accordance
11 with rules and regulations of the state board. In addition
12 and pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(vii) and
13 21-3-110(a)(xxiv)(B), the state superintendent shall
14 through the department, receive scores for each student
15 assessed by each school district under the benchmark
16 adaptive assessment administered under W.S.
17 21-3-110(a)(xxiv)(B), with appropriate linkages to
18 teachers, schools and districts, reported in formats and
19 schedules established by rule and regulation of the state
20 board;

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22 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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24 (a) The state board of education shall:

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2 (iv) Establish, in consultation with local
3 school districts, requirements for students to earn a high
4 school diploma as measured by each district's body of
5 evidence assessment system prescribed by rule and
6 regulation of the state board or other system of local
7 assessments established by the district and required under
8 W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxiv). A high school diploma shall provide
9 for one (1) of the following endorsements which shall be
10 stated on the transcript of each student:

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12 (vi) Effective school year 2005-2006 and each
13 school year thereafter, through the state superintendent
14 and in consultation and coordination with local school
15 districts, by rule and regulation establish a statewide
16 accountability system providing annual accountability
17 determinations for all schools and school districts
18 imposing a range of educational consequences resulting from
19 accountability determinations whereby:

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21 (B) Annual accountability determinations
22 within the system are made for each school based upon
23 adequate yearly progress measures defined by the federal No
24 Child Left Behind Act of 2001, as may be subsequently

1 amended, and the school's progress in improving student
2 achievement as measured by adequate yearly progress data
3 and by data from the district's body of evidence assessment
4 system, or by data from another system of local assessments
5 established by the district, required under W.S.
6 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) and from other related sources which
7 improve the reliability of accountability determinations as
8 prescribed by rule and regulation of the board;

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10 (vii) Through benchmark adaptive assessments
11 administered by school districts as a component of the
12 district assessment system under W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxiv),
13 establish statewide standards for the assessment of student
14 growth in mathematics and reading for all students, to be
15 integrated into the statewide assessment and accountability
16 system established under paragraphs (a)(v) and (vi) of this
17 section. The standards shall include:

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19 (A) A benchmark testing system administered
20 uniformly statewide by school districts, covering
21 curriculum standards established by board rule and
22 regulation, to be administered subject to board prescribed
23 procedures;

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1 (B) Prescribed growth by subject area and
2 by grade level;

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4 (C) Processes and procedures for equating
5 benchmark assessment results with assessment results
6 obtained under the statewide assessment administered under
7 paragraph (a)(v) of this section, using school year
8 2011-2012 as the initial year for basing growth
9 measurements;

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11 (D) Use of assessment results to design
12 educational strategies for improvement and enhancement of
13 student performance through district school improvement
14 plans assembled in accordance with subparagraph (a)(v)(H)
15 of this section.

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17 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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19 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
20 shall:

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22 (xxiv) Establish a student assessment system to
23 measure student performance relative to the uniform student
24 content and performance standards in all content areas for

1 which the state board has promulgated standards pursuant to
2 W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii). To the extent required by the state
3 board under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v), ~~and~~(vi) and (vii), the
4 district assessment system shall be integrated with the
5 statewide assessment system and the statewide
6 accountability system. ~~A component~~ Components of the
7 district assessment system required by this paragraph shall
8 include the following:

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10 (A) A body of evidence assessment system or
11 other system of local assessments as established by the
12 district, designed and used to determine the various levels
13 of student performance as described in the uniform student
14 content and performance standards relative to the common
15 core of knowledge and skills prescribed under W.S.
16 21-9-101(b); and

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18 (B) In accordance with W.S.
19 21-2-304(a)(vii), a measurement of student progress during
20 the school year using a statewide adaptive standard of
21 assessment set by the state board of education,
22 administered not less than two (2) times during each school
23 year in accordance with prescribed time periods and
24 procedures established by the state board. Assessment

1 scores shall be reported to the department of education at
2 times and in a manner prescribed by board rule and
3 regulation, and shall include appropriate linkages to
4 teachers and schools within the district.

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6 **Section 2.** The state board of education shall
7 promulgate rules and regulations implementing this act in
8 sufficient time for administration of the assessment in
9 accordance with this act by the 2011-2012 school year. The
10 board, together with the department of education, shall
11 report progress on implementing section 1 of this act to
12 the joint education interim committee and the joint
13 appropriations interim committee on or before December 1,
14 2011.

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16 **Section 3.** For the period beginning upon the
17 effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2012, up
18 to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) is
19 appropriated from the school foundation program account to
20 the department of education as necessary to carry out this
21 act. This appropriation shall not be included in the
22 department's 2013-2014 standard biennial budget request.

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24 **Section 4.**

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2 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this
3 section, this act is effective July 1, 2011.

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5 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section,
6 sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon
7 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
8 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
9 Constitution.

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