

SENATE FILE NO. SF0132

Study of K-12 education program.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ellis and Representative(s)  
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; modifying the duties of the  
2 state board of education as specified; requiring a study;  
3 requiring reporting; requiring adoption of graduation  
4 standards as specified; providing an appropriation; 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) by creating a new  
10 paragraph (viii) is 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           (viii) Publish the uniform student content and  
2 performance standards for the common core of knowledge and  
3 the common core of skills specified under W.S. 21-9-101(b),  
4 adopted by the state board pursuant to paragraph (iii) of  
5 this subsection, in a manner that allows school districts  
6 to identify all standards across all content areas by grade  
7 level.

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9           **Section 2.**

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11           (a) The state superintendent of public instruction,  
12 in consultation with the state board of education and local  
13 school districts, shall study the common core of knowledge  
14 and skills contained in W.S. 21-9-101(b) and the uniform  
15 student content and performance standards promulgated  
16 pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii), to include, at a  
17 minimum, the following:

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19           (i) Examination of the common core of knowledge  
20 and skills to ensure all students are provided with the  
21 opportunity to acquire sufficient knowledge and skills, at  
22 a minimum, to enter the University of Wyoming and Wyoming  
23 community colleges, to prepare students for the job market

1 or post secondary career and technical training and to  
2 achieve the general purposes of education that equips  
3 students for their role as a citizen, and participant in  
4 the political system and to have the opportunity to compete  
5 both intellectually and economically in society;

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7 (ii) Consideration of elimination, addition and  
8 modification of the common core of knowledge and skills  
9 contained in W.S. 21-9-101(b), including but not limited to  
10 consideration of targeting specific grade levels as opposed  
11 to the current structure that includes all common core of  
12 knowledge and skills across all grades.

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14 (b) The state superintendent of public instruction,  
15 in consultation with the state board of education and local  
16 school districts, may study the common core of knowledge  
17 and skills contained in W.S. 21-9-101(b) and the uniform  
18 student content and performance standards promulgated  
19 pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii), to include, at a  
20 minimum, the following:

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22 (i) Examination of the number of uniform student  
23 content and performance standards promulgated by the state

1 board, including consideration of the practical  
2 implications for the teaching profession when considering  
3 the collective number of standards across all common core  
4 of knowledge and skills by grade level;

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6 (ii) Examination of the relationship between the  
7 common core of knowledge and skills, the uniform student  
8 content and performance standards, the statewide  
9 assessments administered pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iv)  
10 and (v), district assessments administered pursuant to W.S.  
11 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) and (xxxiv), district accreditation  
12 administered pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(ii) and the  
13 Wyoming Accountability in Education Act administered  
14 pursuant to W.S. 21-2-202(a)(i), 21-2-204 and  
15 21-2-304(a)(ii) and (vi). The state superintendent may  
16 consider mechanisms to better align and minimize the  
17 requirements associated with the statewide assessments,  
18 district assessments, district accreditation and the  
19 accountability system;

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21 (iii) Examination of the relationship between  
22 the common core of knowledge and skills, the uniform  
23 student content and performance standards and the uniform

1 graduation standards to be prescribed by the state board  
2 under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii);

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4 (iv) A proposed schedule for implementation of  
5 any recommended modifications of statutory directives in  
6 response to the study allowed by this subsection and  
7 necessary enabling legislation for consideration during the  
8 2024 budget session.

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10 (c) Not later than November 1, 2023, the state  
11 superintendent of public instruction shall report the  
12 findings and recommendations from the study required by  
13 subsection (a) of this section and permitted by subsection  
14 (b) of this section to the joint education interim  
15 committee.

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17 (d) Based upon the report and recommendations  
18 submitted pursuant to subsections (a) through (c) of this  
19 section, the joint education interim committee shall report  
20 its findings, including necessary enabling legislation to  
21 the legislature for consideration during the 2024 budget  
22 session.

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1           **Section 3.** There is appropriated seventy-two thousand  
2 dollars (\$72,000.00) from the public school foundation  
3 program account to the department of education for the  
4 period beginning on the effective date of this act and  
5 ending June 30, 2024. This appropriation shall be used to  
6 complete the study and report required and allowed by the  
7 state superintendent of public instruction by section 2 of  
8 this act. This appropriation shall not be transferred or  
9 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,  
10 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June  
11 30, 2024 shall revert as provided by law. It is the intent  
12 of the legislature that this appropriation shall not be  
13 included in the standard budget for the department of  
14 education for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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

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