

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0087

Content and performance standards.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sommers, Freeman, Harshman and Paxton and Senator(s) Dockstader and Rothfuss

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the process for adoption of education
2 content and performance standards; requiring public
3 hearings or meetings; modifying the process for adoption of
4 content and performance standards; providing a transition
5 period for districts to incorporate standards into
6 educational programs; and providing for an effective 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. 21-2-304(c) and by creating a new
11 subsection (f) and 21-9-101(a) are amended to read:

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13 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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1 (c) ~~The state board shall perform an ongoing review~~
2 ~~of state board duties prescribed by law and may make~~
3 ~~recommendations to the legislature on board duties. In~~
4 ~~addition and~~ Not less than once every five (5) eight (8)
5 years, the board shall evaluate and review the uniformity
6 and quality of the educational program standards imposed
7 under W.S. 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and the student content
8 and performance standards promulgated under paragraph
9 (a)(iii) of this section. ~~, and shall~~ In evaluation, review
10 and promulgation of rules and regulations incorporating
11 student and content performance standards, the state board
12 shall:

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14 (i) Prior to any official rulemaking action by
15 the state board to incorporate student content and
16 performance standards into rule and regulation, conduct a
17 minimum of four (4) public hearings or meetings to receive
18 input on any proposed content and performance standards.
19 The meetings or hearings shall occur in separate geographic
20 locations to ensure statewide participation;

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22 (ii) Consider the content and performance
23 standards for math, reading/language arts and science in a

1 separate and distinct manner. The state board shall not
2 consider any of the three (3) areas listed in this
3 paragraph concurrently;

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5 (iii) Report findings and recommendations to the
6 joint education interim committee of the legislature on or
7 before December 1 of the year in which the review and
8 evaluation was undertaken. The joint education interim
9 committee shall report its recommendations, based upon
10 findings and recommendations of the state board, to the
11 legislature during the immediately following legislative
12 session.

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14 (f) The state board shall perform an ongoing review
15 of state board duties prescribed by law and may make
16 recommendations to the legislature on board duties.

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18 **21-9-101. Educational programs for schools;**
19 **standards; core of knowledge and skills; special needs**
20 **programs; class size requirements; cocurricular activities.**

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22 (a) The board of trustees of each school district
23 within the state shall cause the schools under its

1 jurisdiction to provide an educational program in
2 accordance with uniform standards defined under this
3 section and rules and regulations promulgated by the state
4 board of education pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a). Upon
5 adoption of rules and regulations in accordance with W.S.
6 21-2-304(c), all school districts shall be afforded a
7 minimum of two (2) school years to incorporate revised or
8 new content and performance standards into the educational
9 program of the district.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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