

SENATE FILE NO. SF0012

State education program.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Statewide Education
Accountability

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the required state education program;
2 clarifying authority of the state, through the state board
3 of education and school districts, in prescribing the state
4 education program and the uniform standards implementing
5 the state education program; 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. 21-2-304(a)(iii)(intro) and
11 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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15 (a) The state board of education shall:

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1 (iii) By rule and regulation and in consultation
2 and coordination with local school districts, prescribe
3 uniform student content and performance standards for the
4 common core of knowledge and the common core of skills
5 specified under W.S. 21-9-101(b), and promulgate uniform
6 standards for programs addressing the special needs of
7 student populations specified under W.S. 21-9-101(c) that
8 ensure these student populations are provided the
9 opportunity to learn the common core knowledge and skills
10 as prescribed by the uniform student content and
11 performance standards pursuant to this paragraph. Student
12 content and performance standards prescribed under this
13 paragraph shall include standards for graduation from any
14 high school within any school district of this state and
15 shall describe required performance levels in order to
16 achieve proficiency of the common core of knowledge and
17 common core of skills prescribed under W.S. 21-9-101(b).
18 The ability to prescribe content and performance standards
19 shall not be construed to give the state board of education
20 the authority to prescribe textbooks or curriculum which
21 the state board is hereby forbidden to do, nor shall the
22 state board have the authority to commit the state to
23 federal oversight and regulation. Graduation standards
24 imposed under this paragraph shall require the successful

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

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5 **21-9-101. Educational programs for schools;**
6 **standards; core of knowledge and skills; special needs**
7 **programs; class size requirements; cocurricular activities.**

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9 (a) The board of trustees of each school district
10 within the state shall cause the schools under its
11 jurisdiction to provide an educational program in
12 accordance with uniform standards defined under this
13 section and rules and regulations promulgated by the state
14 board of education pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a). The
15 development and implementation of the educational program
16 is the sole responsibility of the state board in
17 consultation with school districts, and shall not require
18 approval by or oversight of the federal government.

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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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