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Catch Title: **Local health officers-education requirements.**

Subject: Qualifications and requirements for local health officers.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law in areas where there is a health department, a health officer is appointed by the local board of health. In areas where there is not a health department, a health officer is appointed by the county commissioners, health district or municipal governing body.
- Where there is no health department the health officer must be a doctor of medicine. No qualifications are stated in current law for health officers or deputies where there is a health department.
- This act covers local health officers, including full-time and part-time health officers in both situations. For districts where there is no health department, the act specifies that a local health officer shall have a degree of doctor of medicine, be an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in W.S. 33-21-120(a)(i) or be a physician assistant as defined in W.S. 33-26-501(a)(iii). For districts where there is a health department the act specifies that full-time or part-time health officers shall have the same qualifications.
- The act specifies that a local health officer shall assist the state department of health in carrying out the provisions of all health and sanitary laws and regulations of the state. This was already a requirement of a health officer where there is no health department and this act made both statutes conform with one another.
- The act also states that a local health officer shall complete continuing education in public health as directed by the body that appointed the health officer.

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