

SENATE FILE NO. SF0078

Language proficiency-seal of biliteracy.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ellis, Kost, Rothfuss, Salazar,
Schuler and Wasserburger and
Representative(s) Flitner, Harshman, Neiman,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; establishing Wyoming seals of
2 biliteracy; creating state superintendent responsibilities;
3 authorizing conferral of seals by school districts;
4 requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-202(a) by creating a new
9 paragraph (xl) and 21-3-111(a) by creating a new paragraph
10 (xxiii) are amended to read:

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12 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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

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4 (xl) Design and establish a Wyoming seal of
5 biliteracy and an advanced distinction Wyoming seal of
6 biliteracy for conferral by a school district to a
7 graduating high school student who is proficient in English
8 and one (1) or more world languages. The superintendent may
9 establish a committee of language educators to identify or
10 approve assessments and levels of proficiency on
11 assessments as necessary to implement this paragraph. The
12 superintendent shall develop policies as necessary
13 regarding the use and appearance of the Wyoming seal of
14 biliteracy and an advanced distinction Wyoming seal of
15 biliteracy on student transcripts. "World language" as used
16 in this paragraph means any language other than English and
17 includes American sign language, classical languages and
18 indigenous languages.

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20 **21-3-111. Powers of boards of trustees.**

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22 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
23 within the state may:

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(xxiii) Confer a Wyoming seal of biliteracy or an advanced distinction Wyoming seal of biliteracy upon a graduating high school student in accordance with W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xl). Not later than October 15 of each year, each school district shall report to the state superintendent the number of seals of biliteracy issued during the prior school year, the languages the students learned and the type of seal conferred.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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