

SENATE FILE NO. SF0062

Civics Transparency Act.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill, Cooper, Dockstader,
Hicks, Hutchings, Kolb, Salazar, Scott and
Steinmetz and Representative(s) Neiman and
Paxton

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to K-12 public education; requiring
2 publication of a list of all instructional material
3 utilized by K-12 public schools; modifying the requirements
4 for instruction concerning state and federal constitutions;
5 and 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. 21-3-134 is created to read:

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11 **21-3-134. Publication of instructional material.**

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1 (a) Not later than July 1, 2022, and each school year
2 thereafter, each school district shall publish prominently
3 on the school district's website the following:

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5 (i) A list of the learning material and
6 activities that were used for student instruction by the
7 school district during the preceding school year, organized
8 at minimum by school, grade and subject area;

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10 (ii) Any policies or procedures governing the
11 approval or use of the learning materials and activities
12 utilized for student instruction by the local school board,
13 school district administration or leadership or teachers.

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15 (b) To comply with this section, a school district
16 may post and update the list of learning material and
17 activities on an ongoing basis over the course of a school
18 year provided the complete list is posted not later than
19 July 1 following completion of the school year. A school
20 district may utilize a collaborative online document or
21 spreadsheet that allows multiple authorized users to update
22 or make additions to posted content on an ongoing basis,

1 provided a link to the list is publicly accessible on the
2 school district's website.

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4 (c) The list of learning material and activities
5 shall remain on the school district's website for not less
6 than one (1) year after completion of the school year in
7 which the learning material and activities were utilized.

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9 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
10 require the digital reproduction of the learning material
11 or activities or separate reporting of individual
12 components of learning material or activities produced as a
13 single volume, except that digital volumes of learning
14 material or activities that contain works by multiple
15 authors shall be identified by a table of contents or
16 internet addresses for each discreet learning material or
17 activity contained within each volume.

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19 (e) As used in this section:

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21 (i) "Activities" include assemblies, guest
22 lectures or other educational events facilitated by the
23 school district or school, including those conducted by

1 individuals not employed or associated with the school or
2 school district, excluding student presentations;

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4 (ii) "Learning material" includes all textbooks,
5 reading material, videos, digital material, websites,
6 assessments and other online applications;

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8 (iii) "Used for student instruction" means
9 assigned, distributed or otherwise presented to a student
10 in any course for which a student receives academic credit
11 or in any educational capacity in which participation of a
12 student is required by a school or in which a majority of
13 students for any given grade level are required to
14 participate. "Used for student instruction" also includes
15 any materials from among which a student is required to
16 select one (1) or more titles, if the available selection
17 is restricted to specific titles.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-3-110(a) by creating a new
20 paragraph (xl) and 21-9-102 are amended to read:

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22 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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1 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
2 shall:

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4 (x1) Publish a list of instructional activities
5 and learning material on the school district's website in
6 accordance with W.S. 21-3-134.

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8 **21-9-102. Instruction in state and federal**
9 **constitutions required; satisfactory examination a**
10 **prerequisite to graduation.**

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12 (a) All schools and colleges in this state that are
13 supported in any manner by public funds shall give
14 instruction in the essentials of the United States
15 constitution and the constitution of the state of Wyoming,
16 including the study of and devotion to American institution
17 and ideals, and no student shall receive a high school
18 diploma, associate degree or baccalaureate degree without
19 satisfactorily passing an examination on the principles of
20 the constitution of the United States and the state of
21 Wyoming. The instruction shall be given for at least three
22 (3) years in kindergarten through grade eight (8) and for
23 one (1) year each in the secondary and college grades.

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2 (b) Beginning school year 2022-2023, and each school
3 year thereafter, each school district within the state
4 shall in grade four (4), and at subsequent intervals
5 determined appropriate by the state board of education,
6 give instruction in the following:

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8 (i) The principles set forth in the first and
9 second paragraphs and the last sentence immediately
10 preceding the signatures of the declaration of independence
11 and in article 1, sections 2 and 3 and article 6, section 1
12 of the Wyoming Constitution. Students shall be provided a
13 copy of the provisions and class time shall be dedicated to
14 discussion of the meaning of the provisions identified in
15 this subparagraph;

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17 (ii) That Wyoming was the first jurisdiction to
18 provide men and women with the equal right to vote and hold
19 a public office when Wyoming's first territorial
20 legislature passed the measure by law in 1869;

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22 (iii) The history of slavery and race based
23 discrimination, to include the end of slavery and efforts

1 to end discrimination in accordance with the founding
2 principles of the United States;

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4 (iv) That it is wrong to be unfair to anyone or
5 treat anyone differently due to their race or ethnicity.

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7 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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