

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. HB0175

ENROLLED ACT NO. 26, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2023 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to student attendance; modifying the duties of local boards of trustees; modifying excused absences for events associated with the state fair; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxxix) is amended to read:

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

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

(xxxix) Define "unexcused absence", "habitual truant" and "willful absenteeism" for all students who are attending public schools and establish rules regarding student attendance. For purposes of this paragraph, an absence preapproved by the district or an absence due to an illness, injury or the health care needs of the student or a death or serious illness in the student's family shall not constitute an unexcused absence. Students participating in programming or competitions sponsored by nationally recognized organizations and clubs that promote youth agricultural education, the annual state fair held under W.S. 11-10-101 as an exhibitor or events associated with participation in the annual state fair shall be considered as participating in a district cocurricular activity program and the student's absence shall be defined by the board as an excused absence. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a school district from requesting verification of the reasons for an absence.

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**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk