

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact, in the form of increased K-12 expenditures, is indeterminable.

This bill modifies the K-12 education program to require instruction in the essentials of United States constitution to include specific instruction on the bill of rights and amendments to the United States constitution. The bill further requires the instruction in the essentials of the United States constitution and Wyoming constitution, including the study and devotion to American institution and ideals, be given each academic year in grades kindergarten through twelve and for one year in any higher education degree, certificate, or program for which the coursework requires one year or more of full-time study. Current law requires instruction at least three times in grades kindergarten through eight and once in secondary and college grades. The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) indicates the State Board of Education's student content and performance standards for social studies are developed on a grade-band basis (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12) and not on an individual grade basis.

The bill also requires each high school student to score at least a 60 percent on a civics test required to become a United States citizen by the United States citizenship and immigration services beginning school year 2023-2024. According to the WDE, the civics test is free and available through the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The K-12 education resource block grant model is required to be recalibrated not less than once every five years and the estimated fiscal impact to changes of the K-12 education program would be incorporated into the next recalibration effort, scheduled not later than 2025.

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