

SENATE FILE NO. SF0114

Constitutional instruction and examination requirements.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Laursen, D, Biteman, French, Ide, McKeown, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Bear, Davis, Haroldson, Heiner, Rodriguez-Williams, Smith and Zwonitzer, Dn

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; modifying the state and
2 federal constitutional instruction required in public
3 schools; requiring passing an additional examination for
4 high school graduation; and providing for an effective
5 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. 21-9-102 is amended to read:

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11 **21-9-102. Instruction in state and federal**
12 **constitutions required; satisfactory examinations**
13 **prerequisite to graduation.**

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1 All schools and colleges in this state that are supported
2 in any manner by public funds shall give instruction in the
3 essentials of the United States constitution, the bill of
4 rights, amendments to the United States constitution and
5 the constitution of the state of Wyoming, including the
6 study of and devotion to American institution and ideals,
7 and no student shall receive a high school diploma,
8 associate degree or baccalaureate degree without
9 satisfactorily passing an examination on the principles of
10 the constitution of the United States and the state of
11 Wyoming. For students graduating in the 2023-2024 school
12 year and each school year thereafter, no student shall
13 receive a high school diploma from a Wyoming school
14 district without also passing the civics test required to
15 become a United States citizen by the United States
16 citizenship and immigration services with a score of at
17 least sixty percent (60%). The constitutional and other
18 instruction required in this section shall be given ~~for at~~
19 ~~least three (3) years~~ each academic year in kindergarten
20 through grade ~~eight (8)~~ twelve (12) and for one (1) year
21 ~~each~~ in ~~the secondary and college grades~~ any higher
22 education degree, certificate or program for which the

1 coursework requires one (1) year or more of full-time
2 study.

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

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