

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0194

Statewide student assessment system-amendments.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; repealing the statewide
 2 assessment system; repealing the Wyoming Accountability in
 3 Education Act; repealing obsolete provisions; making
 4 conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; and providing
 5 for effective dates.

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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. 21-2-202(a)(i), (xxxiv)(intro) and
 10 (xxxvi), 21-2-203(c)(ii)(intro) and (A), 21-2-304(a)(ii)
 11 and (b)(ii), 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) and (xxxiv),
 12 21-3-305(a)(ix)(A)(I), 21-3-308(g) and 21-16-1307(g) are
 13 amended to read:

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15 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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

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5 (i) Make rules and regulations, consistent with
6 this code, as may be necessary or desirable for the proper
7 and effective administration of the state educational
8 system. ~~and the statewide education accountability system~~
9 ~~pursuant to W.S. 21-2-204.~~ Nothing in this section shall be
10 construed to give the state superintendent rulemaking power
11 in any area specifically entrusted to the state board;

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13 (xxxiv) With the department of enterprise
14 technology services, establish criteria for the collection,
15 storage, management and reporting of department of
16 education data including, but not limited to teacher
17 certification, ~~statewide education accountability and~~
18 ~~assessment~~ and the administration of the school finance
19 system. In carrying out this paragraph, the state
20 superintendent and the department of enterprise technology
21 services shall develop a data privacy and security plan
22 that includes:

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1 (xxxvi) Commencing school year ~~2015-2016~~
2 ~~2024-2025~~, in conjunction with the school district
3 accreditation process required under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(ii),
4 ~~and as a component of the statewide education~~
5 ~~accountability system created under W.S. 21-2-204,~~ conduct
6 a review of each school district's assessment system once
7 every five (5) years to ensure alignment with the uniform
8 state education standards promulgated by the state board,
9 and to ensure district adherence to the uniform graduation
10 standards prescribed by the state board under W.S.
11 21-2-304(a)(iii). Reviews undertaken pursuant to this
12 paragraph, together with findings, shall be reported to the
13 state board; ~~and any deficiencies determined by the review~~
14 ~~shall be addressed through the statewide system of support~~
15 ~~established under W.S. 21-2-204(h);~~

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17 **21-2-203. School district data collection and funding**
18 **model administration; duties and responsibilities**
19 **specified; data advisory committee; school district**
20 **compliance.**

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22 (c) The duties of the department are, in accordance
23 with rules promulgated by the state superintendent, to:

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2 (ii) Collect data from school districts
3 necessary for the department to administer the school
4 finance system. ~~and the statewide education accountability~~
5 ~~system established under W.S. 21-2-204.~~ In accomplishing
6 this, the department shall:

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8 (A) Coordinate its work with all other
9 functions of the department so as to consolidate data
10 reporting requirements for school districts and eliminate
11 duplication in reporting to the greatest extent possible; ~~;~~
12 ~~including reporting of assessment results required for~~
13 ~~determinations under W.S. 21-2-204;~~

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15 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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17 (a) The state board of education shall:

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19 (ii) Through the evaluation and accreditation of
20 school districts, implement and enforce the uniform
21 standards for educational programs prescribed under W.S.
22 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 in the public schools of this state,
23 including any educational institution receiving any state

1 funds except for the University of Wyoming and Wyoming
2 community colleges, ~~and implement and enforce the~~
3 ~~statewide education accountability system pursuant to W.S.~~
4 ~~21-2-204.~~ The board shall ensure that educational programs
5 offered by public schools in accordance with these
6 standards provide students an opportunity to acquire
7 sufficient knowledge and skills, at a minimum, to enter the
8 University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges, to
9 prepare students for the job market or postsecondary career
10 and technical training and to achieve the general purposes
11 of education that equips students for their role as a
12 citizen and participant in the political system and to have
13 the opportunity to compete both intellectually and
14 economically in society; ~~In addition, the board shall~~
15 ~~require school district adherence to the statewide~~
16 ~~education accountability system;~~

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18 (b) In addition to subsection (a) of this section and
19 any other duties assigned to it by law, the state board
20 shall:

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22 (ii) Enforce the uniform state educational
23 program standards imposed by W.S. 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and

1 the uniform student content and performance standards
2 established by rules and regulations adopted under
3 subsection (a) of this section, ~~together with student~~
4 ~~performance indicators established and measured pursuant to~~
5 ~~W.S. 21-2-204~~, by taking appropriate administrative action
6 with the state superintendent, including but not limited to
7 the changing of accreditation status;

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9 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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

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14 (xxiv) Adopt a student assessment system to
15 measure student performance relative to the uniform student
16 content and performance standards in all content areas for
17 which the state board has promulgated standards pursuant to
18 W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii). ~~To the extent required by W.S.~~
19 ~~21-2-204 and 21-2-304(a)(vi), the district assessment~~
20 ~~system shall be integrated with the statewide assessment~~
21 ~~system and the statewide accountability system.~~ Components
22 of the district assessment system required by this
23 paragraph shall be designed and used to determine the

1 various levels of student performance in all content areas
2 of the uniform student content and performance standards
3 relative to the common core of knowledge and skills
4 prescribed under W.S. 21-9-101(b). The district shall
5 report to the state board in accordance with W.S.
6 21-2-304(a)(iv) on its assessment system adopted under this
7 paragraph;

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9 (xxxiv) Effective school year ~~2015-2016~~
10 ~~2024-2025~~, in conjunction with district accreditation, ~~as a~~
11 ~~component of the statewide education accountability system~~
12 and in accordance with W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxxvi), be subject
13 to a review by the department of education once every five
14 (5) years on the alignment of the district's assessment
15 system with the uniform state education standards
16 promulgated by the state board, and the district's
17 adherence to the uniform graduation standards prescribed by
18 the state board under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii);

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20 **21-3-305. Charter schools; contract contents;**
21 **renewal; revocation; closure; appeal; regulations.**

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1 (a) An approved charter application shall serve as
2 the basis for a contract between the charter school and the
3 authorizer. Within seventy-five (75) days of the final
4 approval of a charter application, the governing board and
5 the authorizer shall execute the charter contract. The
6 charter contract shall:

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8 (ix) Set forth the methods by which the charter
9 school will be held accountable for achieving the
10 educational mission and goals of the charter school,
11 including the following:

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13 (A) Evidence of adequate performance or
14 improvement in:

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16 (I) Assessment measures ~~i, including~~
17 ~~the statewide assessment system measures;~~

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19 **21-3-308. Hearing by authorizer; prohibited actions**
20 **by authorizer; criteria; compliance with state standards;**
21 **contractual authority.**

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1 (g) Charter schools shall meet the state uniform
2 educational program standards imposed upon public schools
3 by W.S. 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and the uniform state student
4 content and performance standards prescribed by the state
5 board of education under W.S. 21-2-304~~, including~~
6 ~~compliance with requirements under the statewide assessment~~
7 ~~system pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v).~~

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9 **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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11 (g) In each odd-numbered year, the department, in
12 consultation with the University of Wyoming, Wyoming
13 community colleges and the community college commission,
14 shall report to the governor and the joint education
15 interim committee of the legislature on recommendations for
16 modifications to the success curriculum requirements,
17 minimum cumulative GPA and minimum national percentile rank
18 scores or minimum cumulative career-technical aptitude
19 assessment scores contained in this article ~~and~~
20 ~~recommendations for the adoption of statewide student~~
21 ~~assessment standards and scores to augment qualifying~~
22 ~~national percentile rankings or career technical aptitude~~
23 ~~assessment scores, all~~ to ensure that the Hathaway

1 scholarship program is designed to provide the desired
2 incentives for students to pursue a rigorous curriculum and
3 strive to achieve academic success. The report shall also
4 include any additional resources which school districts,
5 particularly those school districts granted exemptions for
6 students under paragraph (f)(ii) of this section, may
7 require to provide the success curriculum and impacts of
8 the Hathaway success curriculum on school districts of
9 different sizes. The cumulative GPA requirements for
10 performance under the success curriculum shall not be
11 restricted to those courses comprising the success
12 curriculum, but shall be applied comprehensively to all
13 courses included within each scholarship student's high
14 school curriculum.

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16 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xiv) and (xxi),
17 21-2-203(c)(ii)(C), 21-2-204, 21-2-304(a)(v), (vi) and
18 (b)(xiv), 21-3-304(g)(ii), 21-3-305(a)(ix)(A)(IV) and
19 21-3-401(c) are repealed.

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21 **Section 3.** The state superintendent of public
22 instruction, the state board of education and the

1 department of education shall promulgate any rules
2 necessary to implement this act.

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4 **Section 4.**

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6 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
7 section, this act is effective July 1, 2024.

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9 (b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective
10 immediately upon all acts necessary for a bill to become
11 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
12 Constitution.

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14 (END)