

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0315

K-12 public education reorganization.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Andrew and Senator(s)  
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;  
2 requiring a plan to reorganize the state board of education  
3 and the state board of career and technical education under  
4 the state superintendent of public instruction; specifying  
5 elements of the plan; requiring reports; requiring  
6 legislative approval; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-301.1 is created to read:

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12 **21-2-301.1. State board of education and the state**  
13 **board of career and technical education reorganization**  
14 **under the state superintendent of public instruction.**

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1           (a) Subject to approval of the reorganization plan by  
2 act of the legislature pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
3 section and notwithstanding W.S. 21-2-301 et seq., not  
4 later than July 1, 2026, all divisions, programs and  
5 functions of the state board of education and the state  
6 board of career and technical education shall be  
7 transferred to the state superintendent of public  
8 instruction. On and after July 1, 2026, any statute, rule  
9 or legal or other document that refers to the state board  
10 of education or the state board of career and technical  
11 education shall mean the state superintendent of public  
12 instruction.

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14           (b) The state superintendent of public instruction  
15 shall prepare a plan for reorganization of the state board  
16 of education and the state board of career and technical  
17 education under the state superintendent. The  
18 reorganization plan shall:

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20           (i) Maintain the current structure and operation  
21 of the state board of education and the state board of  
22 career and technical education to the maximum extent  
23 practicable, while ensuring all divisions, programs and

1 functions of the state board of education and the state  
2 board of career and technical education are assigned to the  
3 state superintendent upon adoption of the reorganization  
4 plan by the legislature;

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6 (ii) Require the state superintendent to perform  
7 the administrative functions assigned by this section. The  
8 state superintendent may appoint administrators and  
9 managers who may serve as the administrative heads of  
10 divisions and programs created by the state superintendent  
11 for the purpose of executing the functions assigned by this  
12 section;

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14 (iii) Identify statutory amendments, rule and  
15 procedural amendments and other regulatory amendments that  
16 will be necessary to accomplish the reorganization required  
17 by this section;

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19 (iv) Provide for the transfer of all personnel,  
20 supplies, equipment and appropriations of and for the state  
21 board of education and the state board of career and  
22 technical education to the state superintendent;

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1           (v) Identify any other issues or factors  
2 relevant to the reorganization required by this section.

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4           (c) The state superintendent of public instruction  
5 shall submit the reorganization plan required by subsection  
6 (b) of this section to the governor, the joint  
7 appropriations committee and the joint education interim  
8 committee on or before July 1, 2025. The state  
9 superintendent shall make the plan available to the public  
10 on or before July 1, 2025. The joint appropriations  
11 committee and the joint education interim committee shall  
12 each hold at least one (1) public hearing regarding the  
13 reorganization plan before convening of the legislature for  
14 the 2026 budget session and may draft appropriate  
15 legislation utilizing the reorganization plan for  
16 introduction for the 2026 budget session. It is the intent  
17 of the legislature that the reorganization plan be  
18 implemented not later than July 1, 2026.

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20           (d) Unless otherwise directed in an approved  
21 reorganization plan, the duties, powers and functions of  
22 the state board of education and the state board of career  
23 and technical education shall remain unchanged until July

1 1, 2026, after which time the state superintendent shall be  
2 the successor to the state board of education and the state  
3 board of career and technical education.

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5 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-2-202 by creating a new subsection  
6 (j) is amended to read:

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8 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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10 (j) The state superintendent of public instruction  
11 shall prepare the reorganization plan required by W.S.  
12 21-2-301.1. Upon approval of the reorganization plan by act  
13 of the legislature, the state superintendent shall perform  
14 the functions required by the reorganization plans and the  
15 state superintendent shall serve as the successor to the  
16 state board of education and the state board of career and  
17 technical education. Nothing in this subsection prohibits  
18 the legislature from adopting any reorganization plan in  
19 whole or in part.

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21 **Section 3.** The validity of rules, regulations,  
22 contracts, amendments or other obligations of the state  
23 board of education and the state board of career and

1 technical education are not affected by this act. The rules  
2 and regulations of the state board of education and the  
3 state board of career and technical education shall remain  
4 in effect until amended or repealed by rules and  
5 regulations adopted by the state superintendent following  
6 approval by the legislature of the reorganization plan  
7 required by W.S. 21-2-301.1(b).

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9       **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon  
10 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
11 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
12 Constitution.

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