

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0113

Parent rights-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Webb

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; clarifying procedures and
2 requirements for school districts to provide parents notice
3 of information regarding students; prohibiting school
4 districts from requiring school district personnel and
5 students to use a student's preferred pronoun if the
6 pronoun does not align with the student's biological sex;
7 requiring parental or guardian permission before
8 instruction relating to diversity, equity or inclusion;
9 authorizing school district personnel to opt out of
10 mandatory trainings as specified; providing definitions;
11 requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

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

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15 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-135(a)(intro), (i), (iii), (v),
16 by creating new paragraphs (vi) through (viii), (b), (f)

1 and by creating new subsections (g) and (h) is amended to
2 read:

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4 **21-3-135. Parental and guardian notices related to**
5 **the educational, physical, mental and emotional health of**
6 **students; student welfare; procedures; school district**
7 **prohibitions.**

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9 (a) Each school district including school district
10 personnel shall:

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12 (i) Notify a student's parent or guardian as
13 soon as practicable if there is a change in the student's
14 educational, physical, mental or emotional health or
15 well-being during school hours or while the student is
16 engaged in any activity, extracurricular activity, event,
17 program or function where school district personnel are
18 responsible for the student regardless of location.

19 Procedures adopted under this paragraph shall reinforce the
20 fundamental right of parents and guardians to make
21 decisions regarding the care and control of their children
22 by requiring school district personnel to encourage a
23 student to discuss issues relating to his well-being with

1 his parent or guardian or to facilitate discussion with the
2 parent or guardian;

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4 (iii) Not adopt or implement any formal or
5 informal rules, policies, practices or procedures that
6 prohibit or discourage school district personnel from
7 notifying a student's parent or guardian about the
8 student's educational, physical, mental or emotional health
9 or well-being during school hours or while the student is
10 engaged in any activity, extracurricular activity, event,
11 program or function where school district personnel are
12 responsible for the student regardless of location or a
13 change in the student's related services as authorized
14 under paragraphs (a) (i) and (ii) of this section;

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16 (v) Obtain written or electronic permission from
17 each student's parent or legal guardian not less than one
18 (1) day prior to the student participating or receiving
19 instruction in any trainings, courses or classes that
20 address sexual orientation, ~~or~~ gender identity or
21 diversity, equity or inclusion;

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1 (vi) Notify a student's parent or guardian not
2 less than five (5) days prior to the student attending or
3 participating in an assembly, extracurricular activity or
4 guest speaker presentation that addresses sexual
5 orientation, gender identity or diversity, equity or
6 inclusion and provide the option for the student's parent
7 or guardian to opt the student out of attendance or
8 participation;

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10 (vii) Adopt a policy, practice or procedure to
11 ensure that school district personnel and students are not
12 required to refer to a student using the student's
13 preferred pronoun if the pronoun does not align with the
14 student's biological sex;

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16 (viii) Adopt a policy, practice or procedure to
17 allow school district personnel to withdraw or opt out of
18 mandatory classes, lessons, trainings, educational
19 activities or any program or activity involving diversity,
20 equity or inclusion.

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22 (b) Effective school year 2024-2025 and each school
23 year thereafter, at the beginning of each school year, each

1 school district shall make available to parents and
2 guardians any routine health care services offered or
3 provided at the student's school and provide the option for
4 the parent or guardian to withhold consent or decline any
5 routine specific health care services. Parental or guardian
6 consent to a routine health care service shall not waive
7 the parent's or guardian's right to access the student's
8 educational or health care records or to be notified of a
9 change in the student's educational, physical, mental or
10 emotional health or well-being during school hours or while
11 the student is engaged in any activity, extracurricular
12 activity, event, program or function where school district
13 personnel are responsible for the student regardless of
14 location. Nothing in this section shall be construed as
15 preventing school district personnel from rendering first
16 aid to a student or summoning emergency responders in case
17 of sudden need.

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19 (f) Nothing in this section shall prohibit school
20 districts from complying with mandatory reporting of abuse
21 or neglect pursuant to W.S. 14-3-205. ~~For purposes of this~~
22 ~~section, "abuse" means as defined by W.S. 14-3-202(a)(ii)~~
23 ~~and "neglect" means as defined by W.S. 14-3-202(a)(vii).~~

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2 (g) Effective school year 2026-2027 and each school
3 year thereafter, each school district shall make available
4 to parents and guardians and publish on the school
5 district's official website at the beginning of each school
6 year all written policies, practices and procedures and
7 during the school year any updates to any written policy,
8 practice or procedure. Each school district shall make
9 available to parents and guardians and publish on the
10 school district's official website any updates to any
11 written policy, practice or procedure within thirty (30)
12 days after the school district adopts such updates.

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14 (h) As used in this section:

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16 (i) "Abuse" means as defined by W.S.
17 14-3-202(a)(ii);

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19 (ii) "Assembly" means a gathering of students
20 and school district personnel to share information and
21 announcements, celebrate or present achievements or awards,
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23 speakers;

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(iii) "Diversity, equity or inclusion" means any program, activity or policy that:

(A) Promotes discriminating for or against a person on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin or religion;

(B) Promotes the concept that a particular race, color, sex, national origin or religion is inherently or systemically superior, inferior, oppressive, oppressed, privileged or unprivileged; or

(C) Promotes gender ideology.

(iv) "Extracurricular activity" means a voluntary activity sponsored by the public school or school district or an organization sanctioned by the school district. "Extracurricular activity" shall include but are not limited to preparation for and involvement in public performances, contests, athletic competitions, demonstrations, displays and club activities;

1 (v) "Gender ideology" means the concept of
2 replacing the biological category of sex with an
3 ever-shifting concept of self-assessed gender identity
4 that:

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6 (A) Permits that a biological male may
7 identify as a female, nonbinary or a combination of male
8 and female;

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10 (B) Permits that a biological female may
11 identify as a male, nonbinary or a combination of male and
12 female;

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14 (C) Requires other persons and institutions
15 to permit that a biological male may identify as a female,
16 nonbinary or combination of male and female or to permit
17 that a biological female may identify as a male, nonbinary
18 or combination of male and female;

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20 (D) Recognizes that there is a vast
21 spectrum of genders that are disconnected from a person's
22 biological sex and allows for a person to be born with the
23 wrong biological sex.

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(vi) "Neglect" means as defined by W.S.

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14-3-202 (a) (vii);

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(vii) "Policy, practice or procedure" includes

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any written or electronic materials issued by a school

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district or school district personnel that governs conduct

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at a public school within a school district;

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(viii) "School district personnel" means persons

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employed by a school district, independent contractors

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retained by a school district and volunteers who may have

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contact with students in the course of volunteering for a

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school district;
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(ix) "School hours" means the period of time

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that a student is required to be in a public school.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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