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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Charter schools as local education agencies.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to charter schools; authorizing charter  
2 schools to act as local education agencies to receive and  
3 apply for federal and state grants; specifying charter  
4 schools are responsible for providing special education  
5 services; repealing the designation of charter school  
6 authorizers as the local education agency for charter  
7 schools; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-315 is created to read:

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1           **21-3-315. Authority to act as a local education**  
2 **agency.**

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4           (a) Any charter school approved by a school district  
5 to operate under this article may act as a local education  
6 agency to apply for, receive and administer a grant through  
7 a grant program created by a federal or state statute or  
8 program. Any charter school approved by the Wyoming charter  
9 school authorizing board to operate under this article  
10 shall act as a local education agency to apply for, receive  
11 and administer a grant through a grant program created by a  
12 federal or state statute or program.

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14           (b) For charter schools authorized to operate as a  
15 local education agency under subsection (a) of this  
16 section:

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18           (i) The department of education shall treat the  
19 charter school as a local education agency and allow it to  
20 apply for all federal and state grant moneys for which it  
21 may be eligible;

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1 (ii) The charter school shall be responsible for  
2 identifying, evaluating and offering programs and services  
3 for students with disabilities, as identified under the  
4 federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20  
5 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., enrolled in the charter school.

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7 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-3-302.1(a)(vi) is repealed.

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10 **STAFF COMMENT**  
11 **The repealed provision reads as follows:**

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13 **21-3-302.1. Charter school authorizers; powers and duties.**

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15 **(a) Authorizers shall:**

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17 **(vi) Act as the local education agency for**  
18 **charter schools authorized to operate under this article to**  
19 **apply for, receive or administer grants through a grant**  
20 **program created by a federal or state statute or program**  
21 **which requires local education agency status.**

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25 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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27 (END)