

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0280

Career-technical education study.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wasserburger

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to career-technical education; creating and
2 providing for a task force to conduct a study of career-
3 technical education in Wyoming; specifying study content
4 areas; establishing a business coalition advisory group to
5 assist the task force; allowing reimbursement of expenses
6 incurred by advisory group members; specifying reporting
7 requirements; imposing duties on the department of
8 education; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
9 effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1.**

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15 (a) A task force is established to review career-
16 technical education in Wyoming and to create transitions
17 from career-technical education programs in Wyoming public

1 schools to Wyoming community colleges and the University of
2 Wyoming and to the job market. In accomplishing this
3 purpose, the task force shall study:

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5 (i) Career-technical education delivery options;

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7 (ii) Career-technical education program quality
8 standards;

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10 (iii) Statewide equipment needs for program
11 delivery;

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13 (iv) Academic enrichment of public education
14 through career-technical education programs;

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16 (v) Career guidance and counseling services
17 necessary at the public school level to assist the
18 transition to post-secondary education programs and to the
19 job market;

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21 (vi) Programs and processes which may be
22 established at both the secondary education level and at
23 the post-secondary education level to enhance a seamless
24 transition process;

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2 (vii) Career-technical education training and
3 certification for instruction in secondary and post-
4 secondary education programs in Wyoming;

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6 (viii) Structural alternatives to the public
7 education system and the post-secondary education system to
8 enhance the transition process.

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10 (b) Membership on the task force established under
11 subsection (a) of this section shall consist of thirteen
12 (13) members comprised of the following:

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14 (i) The state superintendent of public
15 instruction or his designee;

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17 (ii) Two (2) representatives from the department
18 of education appointed by the state superintendent;

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20 (iii) A Wyoming teacher in secondary career-
21 technical education programs selected by the Wyoming
22 association for career and technical education;

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1 (iv) One (1) representative from the University
2 of Wyoming appointed by the president of the university;

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4 (v) Two (2) representatives from Wyoming
5 community colleges appointed by the Wyoming community
6 college commission, one (1) of which shall instruct post-
7 secondary career-technical education programs;

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9 (vi) One (1) member of the Wyoming workforce
10 development council selected by the council;

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12 (vii) A representative of the department of
13 workforce services selected by the department director;

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15 (viii) A representative of the Wyoming
16 department of employment designated by the department
17 director;

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19 (ix) A representative of the Wyoming business
20 council selected by the council;

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22 (x) One (1) member of the Wyoming senate
23 appointed by the president of the senate and one (1) member

1 of the Wyoming house of representatives appointed by the
2 speaker of the house.

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4 (c) Appointments specified under subsection (b) of
5 this section shall be made and the task force shall be
6 operational by April 1, 2005.

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8 (d) In addition to task force members, a business
9 coalition advisory group of not more than seven (7)
10 representatives of the Wyoming business community shall be
11 selected jointly by the state superintendent of public
12 instruction and the Wyoming business council for purposes
13 of providing advisory assistance to the task force in
14 reviewing study findings and in developing study
15 recommendations. Advisory group members shall be
16 reimbursed for necessary expenses authorized by law for
17 state employees while participating in official advisory
18 group business.

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20 (e) Not later than December 1, 2005, the task force
21 shall report its findings and recommendations developed
22 under this section to the joint education interim committee
23 and the joint appropriations interim committee.
24 Recommendations shall include a detailed plan for

1 implementation of recommendations, proposed legislation
2 necessary for implementing plan recommendations and a
3 recommended budget to execute the recommended plan.

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5 (f) The department of education shall provide
6 staffing and support services necessary to carry out task
7 force responsibilities under this section. The department
8 may contract with consulting services on behalf of the task
9 force, as necessary to conduct the task force study
10 required by this section.

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12 (g) For the period commencing on the effective date
13 of this act and ending June 30, 2006, three hundred
14 thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) is appropriated from the
15 general fund to the department of education for purposes of
16 this section.

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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
19 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
20 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.

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23 (END)