

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

1 from career-technical education programs in Wyoming public  
2 schools to Wyoming community colleges and the University of  
3 Wyoming and to the job market. In accomplishing this  
4 purpose, the task force shall study:

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6 (i) Career-technical education delivery options;

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

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

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

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

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22 (vi) Programs and processes which may be  
23 established at both the secondary education level and at

1 the post-secondary education level to enhance a seamless  
2 transition process;

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

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

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12 (b) Membership on the task force established under  
13 subsection (a) of this section shall consist of seventeen  
14 (17) members comprised of the following:

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16 (i) The state superintendent of public  
17 instruction or his designee;

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

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22 (iii) Two (2) Wyoming teachers in secondary  
23 career-technical education programs selected by the Wyoming  
24 association for career and technical education;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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23 (x) One (1) member of the Wyoming senate  
24 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 (xi) Two (2) members who are parents of school  
5 age students and are selected by the superintendent of  
6 public instruction;

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8 (xii) One (1) member of the state board of  
9 education selected by the board.

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

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15 (d) In addition to task force members, a business  
16 coalition advisory group of not more than seven (7)  
17 representatives of the Wyoming business community shall be  
18 selected jointly by the state superintendent of public  
19 instruction and the Wyoming business council for purposes  
20 of providing advisory assistance to the task force in  
21 reviewing study findings and in developing study  
22 recommendations. Advisory group members shall be  
23 reimbursed for necessary expenses authorized by law for

1 state employees while participating in official advisory  
2 group business.

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4 (e) Not later than November 1, 2005, the task force  
5 shall report its findings and recommendations developed  
6 under this section to the joint education interim committee  
7 and the joint appropriations interim committee.  
8 Recommendations shall include a detailed plan for  
9 implementation of recommendations, proposed legislation  
10 necessary for implementing plan recommendations and a  
11 recommended budget to execute the recommended plan.

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13 (f) The department of education shall provide  
14 staffing and support services necessary to carry out task  
15 force responsibilities under this section. The department  
16 may contract with consulting services on behalf of the task  
17 force, as necessary to conduct the task force study  
18 required by this section.

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20 (g) For the period commencing on the effective date  
21 of this act and ending June 30, 2006, one hundred thousand  
22 dollars (\$100,000.00) is appropriated from the school  
23 foundation program account to the department of education  
24 for purposes of this section. Any of these funds not

1 expended by June 30, 2006, for the purpose of this act  
2 shall be returned to the school foundation program account.

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

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