

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0044

Community college districts-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Illoway and Senator(s) Case

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community college districts; requiring
2 the Wyoming community college commission to develop
3 recommendations on the organization of the state into
4 community college districts; specifying criteria; imposing
5 reporting requirements; and providing for an effective
6 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. 21-18-301 is amended to read:

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12 **21-18-301. Community college district to be body**
13 **corporate; name.**

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15 (a) Each community college district which is formed
16 under this act is a body corporate by the name and style of

1 ".... Community College District, State of Wyoming", the
2 blank space to contain the chosen name of the district, and
3 in that name the district may hold property and be a party
4 to suits and contracts.

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6 (b) Effective July 1, 2008, the state shall be
7 divided into community college districts in accordance with
8 the statewide plan submitted by the Wyoming community
9 college commission and enacted by the 2008 Wyoming
10 legislature.

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12 **Section 2.**

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14 (a) The Wyoming community college commission shall in
15 consultation with the established seven (7) community
16 college districts, develop a plan for the organization of
17 the entire state into community college districts, under
18 which:

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20 (i) The entire state is divided into community
21 college districts;

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23 (ii) All territory within each proposed district
24 is contiguous;

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2 (iii) Each proposed district expands upon
3 districts established before July 1, 2008, and approved by
4 the commission under W.S. 21-18-202(d);

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6 (iv) Each proposed district contains a community
7 college existing prior to this date and offering
8 certificate and degree programs approved by the commission
9 under W.S. 21-18-202(d);

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11 (v) The territory within each proposed district
12 is divided into trustee residence areas such that
13 representation is provided to every portion of any county
14 within the proposed district and the total deviation in the
15 population between the areas with the greatest and least
16 population does not, to the extent practicable, exceed ten
17 percent (10%);

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19 (vi) To the extent practicable, consideration is
20 given to the per capita assessed valuation of the area
21 within the proposed district to the state as a whole;

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23 (vii) Consideration is also given to the
24 required number of mills a district must levy for the

1 general support and operation of the district to qualify
2 for state funding under W.S. 21-18-205(a)(ii), provided the
3 required levy shall not exceed the four (4) mills
4 authorized under W.S. 21-18-304(a)(vii).

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6 (b) The district organization plan developed under
7 subsection (a) of this section shall be presented to the
8 joint education interim committee and the joint
9 appropriations interim committee not later than September
10 1, 2007. Based upon the report, the joint education
11 interim committee shall develop recommendations together
12 with necessary enabling legislation in sufficient time for
13 consideration by the Wyoming legislature in the 2008 budget
14 session.

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16 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
19 Constitution.

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