

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0129

Schools-compulsory attendance.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hammons and McOmie and  
Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to compulsory school attendance; modifying  
2 requirements for compulsory attendance; imposing  
3 requirements on exemptions from required attendance;  
4 requiring school districts to report use of foundation  
5 funds directed at student drop-outs; and providing for an  
6 effective 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. 21-3-110(a) by creating a new  
11 paragraph (xxx) and 21-4-102(a)(intro) and by creating a  
12 new subsection (c) are amended to read:

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14 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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1           (a) The board of trustees in each school district  
2 shall:

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4           (xxx) Effective school year 2007-2008 and each  
5 school year thereafter, annually report to the department  
6 of education on the use of at-risk, alternative program and  
7 other resources provided under W.S. 21-13-309(m) and within  
8 the education resource block grant model as defined under  
9 W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), which are directed by the district  
10 to programs for high school students who are at-risk of not  
11 completing or graduating from high school as permitted  
12 under W.S. 21-4-102.

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14           **21-4-102. When attendance required; exemptions;**  
15 **notification of twelfth grade exemption by parent, guardian**  
16 **or custodian.**

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18           (a) Every parent, guardian or other person having  
19 control or charge of any child who is a resident of this  
20 state and whose seventh birthday falls on or before  
21 September 15 of any year and who has not yet attained his  
22 sixteenth birthday or completed the tenth grade, or  
23 effective September 15, 2009, and each September 15  
24 thereafter, who has not yet attained his eighteenth

1 birthday or completed the twelfth grade, shall except as  
2 provided under subsection (c) of this section, be required  
3 to send ~~such~~the child to, and ~~such~~the child shall be  
4 required to attend, a public or private school each year,  
5 during the entire time that the public schools ~~shall be~~is  
6 in session in the district in which the pupil resides.  
7 ~~provided, that~~ The board of trustees of each school  
8 district may exempt any child from ~~the operation of~~ this  
9 article when:

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11 (c) A parent, guardian or custodian of a resident  
12 child who has not completed the twelfth grade and has not  
13 yet attained his eighteenth birthday on or before September  
14 15, 2009, or on or before September 15 of any school year  
15 thereafter, and who has prior to September 15 of the  
16 applicable school year provided notification to the school  
17 district in which the child resides that the child is not  
18 attending public or private school during this school year,  
19 may exempt the child from this article for that school year  
20 subject to the following:

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22 (i) Notification filed under this subsection  
23 shall be certified in writing and shall indicate that the  
24 parent, guardian or custodian of the child understands that

1 filing notification with the district exempts the child  
2 from attending public or private school and that by not  
3 attending or receiving public or private school educational  
4 programs, the child will not graduate from public or  
5 private high school in that school year;

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7 (ii) Notification filed under this subsection  
8 shall include verification, as evidenced by district  
9 records or by other acceptable documentation acceptable to  
10 the district, that the child demonstrated proficiency or an  
11 equivalent level of competency in reading, writing and  
12 mathematics at the eleventh grade level as measured by the  
13 statewide assessment, by other assessments or measures  
14 accepted or used by the district or through alternative  
15 assessments or the child's individual education plan.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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19 (END)