

SENATE FILE NO. SF0132

Career education task force-2.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Coe and Massie and
Representative(s) Gentile, Hammons, McOmie
and Simpson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public education; establishing a task
2 force to develop state policy recommendations on career
3 education designed to provide students career choices;
4 specifying study parameters; providing for task force
5 staffing; providing appropriations; 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.**

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12 (a) There is created the career education task force
13 to consist of:

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15 (i) The state superintendent of public
16 instruction, who shall serve as task force chairman;

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2 (ii) A member of the senate education committee
3 appointed by the president of the senate;

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5 (iii) A member of the house education committee
6 appointed by the speaker of the house;

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8 (iv) The director of the Wyoming department of
9 workforce services;

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11 (v) A superintendent of a Wyoming school
12 district appointed by the state superintendent;

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14 (vi) The executive director of the Wyoming
15 community college commission;

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17 (vii) A representative of the University of
18 Wyoming appointed by the university president;

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20 (viii) An employee of a board of cooperative
21 educational services appointed by the state superintendent;

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23 (ix) A representative of the Wyoming business
24 community appointed by the governor.

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2 (b) The task force shall develop recommendations for
3 improving career and technical education in Wyoming public
4 high schools ensuring student choice in career pathways
5 based upon the following fundamental principles:

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7 (i) Preparation of public high school students
8 for a full range of post-secondary options, including two
9 (2) and four (4) year college, apprenticeship, military and
10 formal employment training;

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12 (ii) Connection of academic and technical
13 curriculum grounded in academic and industry standards;

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15 (iii) Institution of innovative strategies for
16 ensuring student access to career choices, as well as
17 opportunities for work-based learning and dual enrollment
18 in related post-secondary education courses;

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20 (iv) Assurance that school facilities
21 appropriately accommodate career and technical programs and
22 program strategies.

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1 (c) All task force appointing authorities designated
2 under subsection (a) of this section shall make
3 appointments in sufficient time to enable the initial task
4 force meeting to be held not later than May 1, 2007.
5 Thereafter, task force meetings shall be scheduled upon the
6 call of the state superintendent. Task force members shall
7 serve through March 31, 2009.

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9 (d) The department of education shall staff the task
10 force established under this section and the task force may
11 retain consultants as necessary to fulfill its duties under
12 this section. All state agencies shall assist the task
13 force as may be requested by the task force or the
14 department in executing this section.

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16 (e) Legislative members of the task force shall
17 receive compensation, per diem and travel expenses in the
18 manner and amount prescribed by W.S. 28-5-101. Committee
19 members who are not legislators and are not state employees
20 shall receive the per diem and mileage paid members of the
21 Wyoming legislature under W.S. 28-5-101 for each day of
22 actual task force meetings and travel to those meetings.
23 Task force members who are state officials or employees
24 shall be paid expenses incurred in the performance of

1 official task force business out of the budget of the
2 respective state agency.

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4 (f) Not later than August 1, 2008, the task force
5 shall report its recommendations developed under this
6 section to the governor and the joint education interim
7 committee. Task force members shall assist the joint
8 education interim committee with development of any
9 necessary legislation implementing task force
10 recommendations.

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12 **Section 2.**

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14 (a) For the period commencing on the effective date
15 of this act and ending March 31, 2009, two hundred fifty
16 thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) is appropriated from the
17 public school foundation program account to the department
18 of education as necessary to fund the career education task
19 force in carrying out its duties under this act.

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21 (b) For the period commencing on the effective date
22 of this act and ending March 31, 2009, ten thousand dollars
23 (\$10,000.00) is appropriated from the public school
24 foundation program account to the legislative service

1 office to fund the expenses of the state legislators
2 appointed to the task force, as necessary to complete
3 duties assigned to the task force under this act.

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

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