

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0045

Compulsory school attendance-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hammons, Craft, Jaggi,
Lubnau, McKim and McOmie and Senator(s) Coe,
Landen, Massie and Von Flatern

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to compulsory school attendance; providing
2 for parental consent as a means to allow children subject
3 to mandatory attendance age to withdraw from school; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-4-102(a)(intro), (ii), (iii) and
9 by creating a new paragraph (iv) is amended to read:

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11 **21-4-102. When attendance required; exemptions.**

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13 (a) Every parent, guardian or other person having
14 control or charge of any child who is a resident of this
15 state and whose seventh birthday falls on or before
16 September 15 of any year and who has not yet attained his

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

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11 (ii) The board feels that compulsory school
12 attendance might work undue hardship. The board may
13 conduct a hearing on issues pursuant to this paragraph by
14 executive session;~~or~~

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16 (iii) The child has been legally excluded from
17 the regular schools pursuant to the provisions of W.S.
18 21-4-306;~~;~~ or

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20 (iv) The parent, guardian or other person having
21 control or charge of the child, following a documented
22 meeting with a school district counselor or administrator,
23 provides written consent to the district board for

1 withdrawal of the child from public or private school
2 attendance.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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