

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0147

Wyoming council for education.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sommers, Freeman, Harshman, Northrup, Paxton and Throne and Senator(s) Anderson, J.D. (SD02), Coe and Landen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to coordination of public education
2 statewide; establishing the Wyoming council for education
3 as specified; prescribing membership; specifying membership
4 reimbursement; granting powers and imposing duties;
5 requiring reporting; providing personnel; providing an
6 appropriation; and providing for an 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. 21-25-101 and 21-25-102 are created
11 to read:

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CHAPTER 25

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WYOMING COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

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1 **21-25-101 Wyoming council for public education**
2 **established; membership; compensation.**

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4 (a) The Wyoming council for public education is
5 established, to consist of the following members:

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7 (i) Two (2) members of the Wyoming legislature,
8 one (1) member appointed by the president of the senate and
9 one (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives;

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12 (ii) The governor, or his designee;

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14 (iii) The superintendent of public instruction,
15 or his designee;

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17 (iv) The chairman of the state board of
18 education, or his designee;

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20 (v) The president of the University of Wyoming,
21 or his designee;

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1 (vi) One (1) administrator or faculty member
2 from the University of Wyoming's college of education,
3 appointed by the university's president;

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5 (vii) The executive director of the Wyoming
6 community college commission, or his designee;

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8 (viii) The director of the department of
9 workforce services, or his designee;

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11 (ix) An employee appointed by the governor from
12 the department of health, the department of family services
13 or the department of education who specializes in early
14 childhood education;

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16 (x) A member of the Wyoming school boards
17 association appointed by the governor;

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19 (xi) One (1) certified K-12 teacher employed by
20 a Wyoming school district appointed by the state
21 superintendent of public instruction;

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1 (xii) One (1) K-12 school or district
2 administrator, appointed by the state superintendent of
3 public instruction, who is employed by a Wyoming school
4 district, including but not limited to, a superintendent,
5 deputy superintendent, principal or vice principal;

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7 (xiii) Two (2) Wyoming citizens, appointed by
8 the governor, who are parents or legal guardians of a
9 student enrolled in a Wyoming public school.

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11 (b) Any member appointed to the council who is not an
12 employee of a governmental subdivision or a member of a
13 political subdivision, board or commission shall receive
14 per diem and travel expenses in the manner and amount
15 provided state employees under W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103.
16 The legislative members shall receive compensation, per
17 diem and travel expense reimbursement in the manner and
18 amount prescribed under W.S. 28-5-101.

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20 **21-25-102. Wyoming council for public education;**
21 **duties and powers.**

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1 (a) The council shall identify a common vision for
2 Wyoming's public education system for preschool through
3 post secondary education. The vision shall identify goals,
4 measurable outcomes and data that can be utilized in
5 determining progress towards accomplishing the common
6 vision.

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8 (b) The council shall identify mechanisms and
9 recommendations to improve the following educational
10 transitions:

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12 (i) Preschool to kindergarten;

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14 (ii) Kindergarten to elementary school;

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16 (iii) Elementary school to middle or junior high
17 school;

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19 (iv) Middle or junior high school to high
20 school;

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22 (v) High school to post secondary options,
23 including college and career opportunities.

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2 (c) The council shall identify any modifications to
3 Wyoming's education governance structure that may increase
4 efficiency and improve the transitions identified in
5 subsection (b) of this section.

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7 (d) The council shall meet not less than two (2)
8 times per year and shall, on or before September 1 of each
9 year, advise the joint education interim committee of its
10 activities and any necessary legislation to accomplish the
11 goals or outcomes identified by the council.

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13 (e) The executive director of the Wyoming community
14 college commission shall convene the meetings required by
15 subsection (d) of this section and shall serve as the
16 council chairman. The Wyoming community college commission
17 shall coordinate all meeting requirements, provide
18 administrative support to the council and serve as the
19 agency to keep all documents and public records associated
20 with business of the council.

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22 (f) Upon approval by the majority of council members,
23 the executive director of the community college commission

1 may establish subcommittees to conduct business required
2 under this chapter. Any subcommittee established pursuant
3 to this subsection shall report back to the council with
4 recommendations and the outcome of the subcommittee's
5 activities.

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7 (g) Upon approval of the majority of council members,
8 the executive director of the community college commission
9 may designate a facilitator to assist the council in
10 identifying a common vision and to aid in discussion of the
11 work required under subsections (b) and (c) of this
12 section.

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14 **Section 2.**

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16 (a) There is appropriated thirty-five thousand
17 dollars (\$35,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming
18 community college commission. This appropriation shall be
19 for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30,
20 2016. This appropriation shall only be expended for
21 necessary expenses of the council required to carry out the
22 provisions of this act. Notwithstanding any other
23 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be

1 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
2 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
3 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
4 2016. This appropriation shall not be included in the
5 Wyoming community college commission's 2017-2018 standard
6 biennial budget request. The community college commission
7 shall report expenditures of amounts appropriated under
8 this subsection to members of the joint education interim
9 committee on or before September 1, 2015 and periodically
10 thereafter until the amount appropriated under this section
11 is expended or the expenditure authority expires, whichever
12 occurs first.

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14 (b) For the period commencing on the effective date
15 of this act and ending June 30, 2016, the community college
16 commission is authorized one (1) permanent full-time
17 position. The position shall be classified as executive
18 management 2, or the equivalent thereof. In addition to
19 any other appropriation to the community college commission
20 by this act, there is appropriated not to exceed one
21 hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000.00) from the
22 general fund for the salary and benefits of the community
23 college commission employee authorized under this section.

1 The position authorized by this section shall be included
2 in the community college commission's 2017-2018 standard
3 budget request.

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5 **Section 3.** There is appropriated five thousand
6 dollars (\$5,000.00) from the general fund to the
7 legislative service office for payment of salary, per diem
8 and mileage for the legislative members serving on the
9 Wyoming council for education as created by this act.

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11 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
14 Constitution.

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