

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0053

State educational program.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Finance
Recalibration

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; amending the state's
2 educational program relating to computer science and world
3 cultures and languages; providing that computer science
4 courses may satisfy certain high school graduation
5 requirements and certain Hathaway scholarship requirements;
6 providing applicability; requiring a report; and providing
7 for effective dates.

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

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11 **Section** 1. W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii)(C),
12 21-9-101(b)(i)(J), (K) and (iii)(C) and 21-16-1307(b)(i)(D)
13 and (d)(i)(D) are amended to read:

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15 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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2 (a) The state board of education shall:

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4 (iii) By rule and regulation and in consultation
5 and coordination with local school districts, prescribe
6 uniform student content and performance standards for the
7 common core of knowledge and the common core of skills
8 specified under W.S. 21-9-101(b), and promulgate uniform
9 standards for programs addressing the special needs of
10 student populations specified under W.S. 21-9-101(c) that
11 ensure these student populations are provided the
12 opportunity to learn the common core of knowledge and
13 skills as prescribed by the uniform student content and
14 performance standards pursuant to this paragraph. Student
15 content and performance standards prescribed under this
16 paragraph shall include standards for graduation from any
17 high school within any school district of this state. The
18 ability to prescribe content and performance standards
19 shall not be construed to give the state board of education
20 the authority to prescribe textbooks or curriculum which
21 the state board is hereby forbidden to do. Graduation
22 standards imposed under this paragraph shall require the
23 successful completion of the following components, as

1 evidenced by passing grades or by the successful
2 performance on competency-based equivalency examinations:

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4 (C) Three (3) school years of science. One
5 (1) school year of computer science shall be deemed to
6 satisfy one (1) year of this three (3) year requirement;
7 and

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9 **21-9-101. Educational programs for schools;**
10 **standards; core of knowledge and skills; special needs**
11 **programs; class size requirements; cocurricular activities.**

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13 (b) Each school district within the state shall
14 provide educational programs sufficient to meet uniform
15 student content and performance standards at the level
16 established by the state board of education in the
17 following areas of knowledge and skills:

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19 (i) Common core of knowledge:

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21 (J) Career/vocational/computer science
22 education;

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1 (K) ~~Foreign~~World cultures and languages;

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3 (iii) Common core of skills:

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5 (C) ~~Keyboarding~~Computational thinking and
6 computer applications;

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8 **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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10 (b) The success curriculum required to qualify for
11 honor or performance scholarship eligibility under this
12 article for students graduating from high school in the
13 2018-2019 school year and each school year thereafter shall
14 be as follows:

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16 (i) Math - four (4) years of math to include
17 those specified in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of this
18 paragraph. Courses which are the functional equivalent of
19 the specified courses, including courses taken before grade
20 nine (9), may be used to satisfy the level of the
21 requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this
22 paragraph:

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1 (D) An additional math or computer science
2 course taken in grades nine (9) through twelve (12). A
3 computer science course shall not satisfy a requirement of
4 this paragraph if the computer science course is used to
5 satisfy one (1) year of science under paragraph (iii) of
6 this subsection.

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8 (d) The success curriculum required to qualify for
9 opportunity scholarship eligibility under this article for
10 students graduating from high school in the 2010-2011
11 school year and each school year thereafter shall be as
12 follows:

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14 (i) Math - four (4) years of math to include
15 those specified in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of this
16 paragraph. Courses which are the functional equivalent of
17 the specified courses, including courses taken before grade
18 nine (9), may be used to satisfy the level of the
19 requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this
20 paragraph:

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22 (D) An additional math or computer science
23 course taken in grades nine (9) through twelve (12). A

1 computer science course shall not satisfy a requirement of
2 this paragraph if the computer science course is used to
3 satisfy one (1) year of science under paragraph (iii) of
4 this subsection.

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6 **Section 2.** Amendments to W.S. 21-2-304 and 21-16-1307
7 contained in this act shall only apply to students
8 graduating high school on or after July 1, 2018.

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10 **Section 3.** By April 1, 2018, the professional
11 teaching standards board shall report to the legislature on
12 its progress to promulgate rules and regulations to
13 facilitate the teaching of computer science in the state's
14 public schools.

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16 **Section 4.** The state board of education shall
17 promulgate uniform student content and performance
18 standards for computer science before January 1, 2020.

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20 **Section 5.**

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22 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
23 section, this act is effective July 1, 2018.

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2 (b) Section 3 of this act is effective immediately
3 upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become
4 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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