

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0176

K-12 education standards and assessments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Allred, Brown and Provenza and Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Cooper, Landen, Nethercott, Schuler and Scott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; modifying the duties of the
2 state board of education; limiting the number of content
3 and performance standards adopted by the state board of
4 education as specified; modifying the duties of local
5 boards of trustees; authorizing the use of course
6 completion to demonstrate student performance as specified;
7 requiring reports; specifying application; and providing
8 for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-304 by creating a new subsection

13 (f) and 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) are amended to read:

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1 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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3 (f) The uniform student content and performance
4 standards for the common core of knowledge and the common
5 core of skills promulgated by the state board under
6 paragraph (a)(iii) of this section shall be limited as
7 follows:

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9 (i) For grades kindergarten through six (6), not
10 more than four (4) content standards for one (1) grade
11 level shall be adopted for each content area for
12 reading/language arts, science and mathematics and for the
13 remaining common core of knowledge specified under W.S.
14 21-9-101(b)(i), not more than one (1) content standard
15 shall be adopted for each grade or grade band for each
16 content area;

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18 (ii) For grades seven (7) through twelve (12),
19 not more than eight (8) content standards shall be adopted
20 for each grade or grade band for each content area
21 specified under W.S. 21-9-101(b)(i);

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1 (iii) For purposes of subsection (c) of this
2 section, "grade band" means at minimum two (2) grade
3 levels.

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5 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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7 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
8 shall:

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10 (xxiv) Adopt a student assessment system to
11 measure student performance relative to the uniform student
12 content and performance standards in all content areas for
13 which the state board has promulgated standards pursuant to
14 W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii). To the extent required by W.S.
15 21-2-204 and 21-2-304(a)(vi), the district assessment
16 system shall be integrated with the statewide assessment
17 system and the statewide accountability system. Components
18 of the district assessment system required by this
19 paragraph shall be designed and used to determine the
20 various levels of student performance in all content areas
21 of the uniform student content and performance standards
22 relative to the common core of knowledge and skills
23 prescribed under W.S. 21-9-101(b). Except as required by

1 W.S. 21-2-204 and 21-2-304(a)(vi), the district assessment
2 system may utilize course completion to measure student
3 performance. The district shall report to the state board
4 in accordance with W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iv) on its assessment
5 system adopted under this paragraph;

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7 **Section 2.** Not later than August 1, 2023, the state
8 superintendent of public instruction and the state board of
9 education, in consultation with school districts, shall
10 report recommendations and plans to streamline, integrate,
11 shorten and minimize student education assessments to
12 assess only those subjects and grades required by federal
13 law, including but not limited to statewide assessments
14 administered pursuant to W.S. 21-3-304(a)(vi), (v) and (vi)
15 and district assessments administered pursuant to W.S.
16 21-3-110(a)(xv), (xxiv) and (xxxiv). The report shall
17 include a recommendation to request a waiver to use a
18 standardized college entrance examination and a career
19 readiness examination administered pursuant to W.S.
20 21-2-202(a)(xxx), to satisfy federal student education
21 assessment and accountability requirements.

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1 **Section 3.** The state board of education shall
2 incorporate the limitations of the content standards
3 contained in W.S. 21-2-304(f), as created by this act, in
4 accordance with the schedule identified under W.S.
5 21-2-304(c).

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7 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
8 completion of all acts nec-essary for a bill to become law
9 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
10 Constitution.

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