

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0013

Public records-student communications.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public records; amending definition to
2 specify student electronic communications are not public
3 records; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-201(a)(v) is amended to read:

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9 **16-4-201. Definitions.**

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11 (a) As used in this act:

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13 (v) "Public records" when not otherwise
14 specified includes any information in a physical form
15 created, accepted, or obtained by the state or any agency,
16 institution or political subdivision of the state in

1 furtherance of its official function and transaction of
2 public business which is not privileged or confidential by
3 law. Without limiting the foregoing, the term "public
4 records" includes any written communication or other
5 information, whether in paper, electronic, or other
6 physical form, received by the state or any agency,
7 institution or political subdivision of the state in
8 furtherance of the transaction of public business of the
9 state or agency, institution or political subdivision of
10 the state, whether at a meeting or outside a meeting.
11 Electronic communications solely between students attending
12 a school in Wyoming and electronic communications solely
13 between students attending a school in Wyoming and a sender
14 or recipient using a nonschool user address are not a
15 public record of that school. As used in this paragraph, a
16 "school in Wyoming" means the University of Wyoming, any
17 community college and any public school within a school
18 district in the state;

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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