

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0058

Failure to attend school.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Byrd

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to mandatory attendance of school;
2 modifying the reporting duties of attendance officers;
3 eliminating the penalty for failure to comply with
4 mandatory attendance requirements; eliminating truancy
5 enforcement in complaints alleging a child in need of
6 supervision; 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. 21-4-104(a)(ii) and 21-4-106 are
11 amended to read:

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13 **21-4-104. Duties of attendance officers.**

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15 (a) Subject to the policy of the board of trustees,
16 it shall be the duty of each attendance officer to:

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1 (ii) Give written notice to the parent,
2 guardian, or custodian of any child having an unexcused
3 absence that the attendance of such child at school is
4 required by law. ~~If after such notice has been given, the~~
5 ~~child has a second unexcused absence, which the attendance~~
6 ~~officer reasonably believes was due to the willful neglect~~
7 ~~or failure of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the~~
8 ~~child, then he shall make and file a complaint against such~~
9 ~~parent, guardian, or custodian of such child before the~~
10 ~~district court for the violation of W.S. 21-4-102.~~

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12 **21-4-106. List of children of school age to be**
13 **furnished; notice of unexcused absences.**

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15 At the beginning of each school year, the board of trustees
16 shall furnish each district attendance officer a list of
17 the names of the children of compulsory school age within
18 the district who are enumerated on the regular enumeration
19 lists. The person in charge of each school within the
20 district shall notify each district attendance officer
21 promptly in writing of all cases of unexcused absence. ~~so~~
22 ~~that the attendance officer may proceed according to the~~
23 ~~provisions of this article.~~

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 14-6-411(b) (iv), 21-4-105 and
2 21-4-107 are repealed.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2014.

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