

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0266

Student assessments-body of evidence.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to student assessment; phasing out use of
2 school district body of evidence systems for establishing
3 high school graduation requirements; directing the
4 department of education to review alternatives and report
5 recommendations to the legislature; imposing duties on the
6 legislature; 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. 21-2-304(a)(iv)(intro) and (vi)(B)
11 and 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) are amended to read:

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13 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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15 (a) The state board of education shall:

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1 (iv) Establish, in consultation with local
2 school districts, requirements for students to earn a high
3 school diploma. ~~as~~ Until school year 2012-2013,
4 requirements shall be measured by each district's body of
5 evidence assessment system prescribed by rule and
6 regulation of the state board and required under W.S.
7 21-3-110(a)(xxiv). A high school diploma shall provide for
8 one (1) of the following endorsements which shall be stated
9 on the transcript of each student:

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11 (vi) Effective school year 2005-2006 and each
12 school year thereafter, through the state superintendent
13 and in consultation and coordination with local school
14 districts, by rule and regulation establish a statewide
15 accountability system providing annual accountability
16 determinations for all schools and school districts
17 imposing a range of educational consequences resulting from
18 accountability determinations whereby:

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20 (B) Annual accountability determinations
21 within the system are made for each school based upon
22 adequate yearly progress measures defined by the federal No
23 Child Left Behind Act of 2001, as may be subsequently
24 amended, and the school's progress in improving student

1 achievement as measured by adequate yearly progress data
2 and until school year 2012-2013, by data from the
3 district's body of evidence assessment system required
4 under W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxiv) and from other related sources
5 which improve the reliability of accountability
6 determinations as prescribed by rule and regulation of the
7 board;

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9 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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11 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
12 shall:

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14 (xxiv) Establish a student assessment system to
15 measure student performance relative to the uniform student
16 content and performance standards in all content areas for
17 which the state board has promulgated standards pursuant to
18 W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii). To the extent required by the state
19 board under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v) and (vi), the district
20 assessment system shall be integrated with the statewide
21 assessment system and the statewide accountability system.

22 Until school year 2012-2013, a component of the district
23 assessment system required by this paragraph shall include
24 a body of evidence assessment system designed and used to

1 determine the various levels of student performance as
2 described in the uniform student content and performance
3 standards relative to the common core of knowledge and
4 skills prescribed under W.S. 21-9-101(b);

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6 **Section 2.**

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8 (a) The department of education shall review the body
9 of evidence component of school district student
10 assessments required by law and provide alternatives to
11 this component of district student assessment systems which
12 fulfills the following:

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14 (i) Provides a system administered by school
15 districts;

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17 (ii) Enables a consistent, comparable and
18 aligned determination of student proficiency in the nine
19 (9) content areas containing the prescribed common core of
20 knowledge and skills;

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22 (iii) Provides student multiple opportunities to
23 demonstrate proficiency in required content areas for high
24 school graduation;

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2 (iv) Provides each school district opportunity
3 to implement a system of assessments within its capacity
4 for administering a high quality assessment;

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6 (v) Provides accountability at the student,
7 teacher, school and state level.

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9 (b) On or before November 1, 2011, the department
10 shall submit the review required under subsection (a) of
11 this section, together with recommendations, in a report to
12 the joint education interim committee on or before November
13 1, 2011.

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15 (c) Following review of the report submitted under
16 subsection (b) of this section, the joint education interim
17 committee shall report recommendations, together with
18 enabling legislation, in sufficient time for consideration
19 by the legislature in the 2012 budget session.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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