

ENROLLED ACT NO. 66, SENATE

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2021 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to education; amending provisions related to school attendance and unexcused absences; clarifying what constitutes an unexcused absence for purposes of school attendance; amending and repealing duties and powers of the boards of trustees for Wyoming school districts; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-110(a) by creating a new paragraph (xxxix) is amended to read:

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

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

(xxxix) Define "habitual truancy" and "unexcused absence" for all students who are attending public schools and establish rules regarding student attendance. For purposes of this paragraph, an absence preapproved by the district or an absence due to an illness, injury or the health care needs of the student or a death or serious illness in the student's family shall not constitute an unexcused absence. Students participating in the annual state fair held under W.S. 11-10-101 as an exhibitor shall be considered as participating in a district cocurricular activity program and the student's absence shall be defined by the board as an excused absence. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a school district from requesting verification of the reasons for an absence.

**Section 2.** W.S. 21-3-111(a)(xvi) is repealed.

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**Section 3.** Not later than August 1, 2021, the board of trustees in each school district in Wyoming shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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**Section 4.**

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

(b) Sections 1 and 2 of this act are effective August 1, 2021.

(END)

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk