

SENATE FILE NO. SF0098

Education-certificate of completion.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Barlow, Rothfuss and Schuler and  
Representative(s) Brown, Clouston, Harshman,  
Sherwood and Sommers

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; authorizing the award of a  
2 certificate of completion for students with disabilities as  
3 identified under the federal Individuals with Disabilities  
4 Education Act as specified; requiring rulemaking; requiring  
5 reporting; making conforming amendments; and providing for  
6 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) and 21-3-110(a)(xxv)  
11 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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(iv) In consultation with local school districts, establish requirements for students to earn a high school diploma as evidenced by course completion and as measured by each district's assessment system prescribed by rule ~~and regulation~~ of the state board and required under W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxiv). The board shall also, in consultation with local districts, establish requirements by rule for students with disabilities as identified under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq. to obtain a high school certificate of completion to be issued by school districts. The requirements to obtain a high school certificate of completion shall be consistent with the student's individual education program. Once every five (5) years and on a staggered basis, the state board shall through the department, review and approve each district's assessment system designed to determine the various levels of student performance as aligned with the uniform state standards and the attainment of high school graduation requirements as evidenced by course completion. In addition and following review, refinement and revision of student content and performance standards adopted under paragraph (a)(iii) of

1 this section and reviewed under subsection (c) of this  
2 section, the board shall establish a process to ensure  
3 district assessment systems are aligned with the refined  
4 and revised standards within three (3) full school years  
5 following adoption of revised standards;

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7 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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

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12 (xxv) At minimum and on or before November 1 of  
13 each school year, report to the department of education  
14 evidence that the district is compliant with high school  
15 graduation standards imposed by the state board under W.S.  
16 21-2-304(a)(iii) and the high school certificate of  
17 completion requirements imposed by the state board under  
18 W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iv);

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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