

SENATE FILE NO. SF0103

Educational program commission.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Meier, Anselmi-Dalton and Hastert
and Representative(s) Byrd, Henderson, Hunt
and Loucks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; establishing the educational
2 program commission; establishing commission duties;
3 directing the department of education to staff the
4 commission; requiring reports; providing for initial
5 staggered terms; providing an appropriation; and providing
6 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. 21-2-901 and 21-2-902 are created to
11 read:

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ARTICLE 9

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WYOMING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM COMMISSION

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1 **21-2-901. Creation of commission; appointment and**
2 **composition; terms; removal; compensation.**

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4 (a) The Wyoming educational program commission is
5 created to consist of fifteen (15) members appointed by the
6 governor and approved with the advice and consent of the
7 senate in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101 through 28-12-103.
8 The governor shall appoint members of the commission as
9 follows:

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11 (i) One (1) employee of the University of
12 Wyoming;

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14 (ii) One (1) employee of a Wyoming community
15 college or of the community college commission of Wyoming;

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17 (iii) One (1) member of an association
18 representing Wyoming school boards;

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20 (iv) One (1) member of an association
21 representing Wyoming public school teachers;

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1 (v) One (1) member of an association
2 representing Wyoming public school administrators;

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4 (vi) One (1) employee of the department of
5 workforce services;

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7 (vii) One (1) member of the state board of
8 education; and

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10 (viii) Eight (8) individuals who represent a
11 diverse collection of business and industry interests. To
12 the extent practicable, members appointed under this
13 paragraph shall represent business or industry relating to
14 trade unions, technology services, tourism, recreation,
15 agriculture or ranching, medicine, energy or manufacturing.

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17 (b) The commission shall select a chairman and a
18 vice-chairman from among its members.

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20 (c) Commission members shall be appointed to a term
21 of six (6) years. No person shall be appointed for more
22 than two (2) six (6) year terms. No person shall serve on
23 the commission for more than twelve (12) years.

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2 (d) Any commission member may be removed as provided
3 under W.S. 9-1-202.

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5 (e) All vacancies from any cause shall be filled by
6 appointment by the governor as provided in W.S. 28-12-101.
7 A commission member appointed as a result of a vacancy
8 shall serve the balance of the term of the commission
9 member who vacated the position.

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11 (f) Members of the commission shall receive mileage
12 and per diem for attending commission meetings in the same
13 manner and amount as state legislators and shall receive no
14 other compensation for serving on the commission.

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16 **21-2-902. Powers and duties; department of education**
17 **staffing duties; funding.**

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19 (a) The Wyoming educational program commission shall
20 convene once every three (3) years, beginning in 2018, at a
21 series of four (4) meetings to review the state's
22 educational program contained in W.S. 21-9-101 and
23 21-9-102, the Hathaway scholarship program's success

1 curriculum as defined in W.S. 21-16-1307 and state and
2 school district education accountability systems. The
3 commission shall consider whether the educational program,
4 the success curriculum and the accountability systems offer
5 each Wyoming public school student the opportunity to
6 become equipped to be a citizen, participant in the
7 political system and to be competitive both intellectually
8 and economically. During the year the commission meets, it
9 shall report its recommendations to amend the educational
10 program, the success curriculum or accountability systems,
11 if any, to the joint education interim committee by
12 September 1 of that same year.

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14 (b) The department of education shall staff the
15 commission as required by the commission. The state
16 superintendent of public instruction shall function as
17 secretary to the commission. The department of education
18 and the state's school districts shall collect and provide
19 information requested by the commission.

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21 (c) The department of education shall fund the
22 necessary operations of the commission. The state
23 superintendent shall include an amount within the

1 department of education's biennial budget request submitted
2 under W.S. 9-2-1013 for purposes of implementing this
3 section.

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5 **Section 2.**

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7 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 21-2-901 as created by
8 section 1 of this act, initial appointments to the board
9 shall be staggered terms as follows:

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11 (i) Seven (7) members shall be appointed to a
12 three (3) year term; and

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14 (ii) Eight (8) members shall be appointed to a
15 six (6) year term.

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17 **Section 3.** There is appropriated twenty-five thousand
18 dollars (\$25,000.00) from the school foundation program
19 account to the department of education for purposes of
20 making required payments under W.S. 21-2-901(f), as created
21 by this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
22 this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
23 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds

1 remaining from this appropriation shall revert to the
2 school foundation program account on June 30, 2019.

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

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