HOUSE BILL NO. HB0087

Content and performance standards.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sommers, Freeman, Harshman and Paxton and Senator(s) Dockstader and Rothfuss

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for

- 1 AN ACT relating to the process for adoption of education
- 2 content and performance standards; requiring public
- 3 hearings or meetings; modifying the process for adoption of
- 4 content and performance standards; providing a transition
- 5 period for districts to incorporate standards into
- 6 educational programs; 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(c) and by creating a new
- 11 subsection (f) and 21-9-101(a) are amended to read:

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

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1	(c) The state board shall perform an ongoing review
2	of state board duties prescribed by law and may make
3	recommendations to the legislature on board duties. In
4	addition and N ot less than once every five (5) ten (10)
5	years, the board shall evaluate and review the uniformity
6	and quality of the educational program standards imposed
7	under W.S. $21-9-101$ and $21-9-102$ and the student content
8	and performance standards promulgated under paragraph
9	(a) (iii) of this section., and shall In evaluation, review
10	and promulgation of rules and regulations incorporating
11	student and content performance standards, the state board
12	<pre>shall:</pre>
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14	(i) Prior to any official rulemaking action by
15	the state board to incorporate student content and
16	performance standards into rule and regulation, conduct a
17	minimum of four (4) public hearings or meetings to receive
18	input on any proposed content and performance standards.
19	The meetings or hearings shall occur in separate geographic
20	locations to ensure statewide participation;
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22	(ii) Consider the content and performance
23	standards for math, reading/language arts and science in a

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separate and distinct manner. The state board shall not 1 2 consider any of the three (3) areas listed in this 3 paragraph concurrently; 4 5 (iii) Report all public comments, findings and 6 recommendations to the joint education interim committee of the legislature on or before December 1 of the year in 7 8 which the review and evaluation was undertaken. The joint 9 education interim committee shall report its recommendations, based upon findings and recommendations of 10 11 the state board, to the legislature during the immediately 12 following legislative session; -13 14 (iv) The state board, in consultation with the 15 state superintendent, shall establish a process to receive 16 input or concerns related to the student content and performance standards from stakeholders, including but not 17 18 limited to parents, teachers, school and district 19 administrators and members of the public at large, during 20 the intervening time between formal review by the state board conducted pursuant to paragraphs (i) through (iii) of 21 22 this subsection.

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1	(f) The state board shall perform an ongoing review
2	of state board duties prescribed by law and may make
3	recommendations to the legislature on board duties.
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5	21-9-101. Educational programs for schools;
6	standards; core of knowledge and skills; special needs
7	programs; class size requirements; cocurricular activities.
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9	(a) The board of trustees of each school district
10	within the state shall cause the schools under its
11	jurisdiction to provide an educational program in
12	accordance with uniform standards defined under this
13	section and rules and regulations promulgated by the state
14	board of education pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a). <u>Upon</u>
15	adoption of rules and regulations in accordance with W.S.
16	21-2-304(c), all school districts shall be afforded a
17	minimum of three (3) school years to incorporate revised or
18	new content and performance standards into the educational
19	program of the district.
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21	Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2015.
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23	(END)

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