

2018 EDUCATION BILLS

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BILLS PASSED

[House Bill 0001 General government appropriations](#) – House Enrolled Act 0062

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT to make appropriations for the fiscal biennium commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020; providing definitions; providing for appropriations and transfers of funds for the period of the budget and for the remainder of the current biennium as specified; providing for carryover of certain funds beyond the biennium as specified; providing for employee positions as specified; providing for duties, terms and conditions and other requirements relating to appropriations for the remainder of the current biennium and the period of the budget as specified; providing for position and other budgetary limitations; amending existing law by redirecting revenues and making transfers for the remainder of the current biennium and the period of the budget; imposing a surcharge; reducing prior appropriations; creating a select committee; providing for reports related to appropriations; and providing for effective dates.

[House Bill 0028 Education reporting-children of military personnel](#) – House Enrolled Act 0029

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to education accountability; providing for performance reporting for students with a parent or guardian who is a military member; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0029 Alternative school accountability](#) – House Enrolled Act 0037

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act; establishing an accountability system for alternative schools; amending existing reporting deadlines; requiring a report; requiring the state board of education to consult with the technical advisory group; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0031 Hathaway scholarship application deadline-extension](#) – House Enrolled Act 0030

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Henderson, Blake, Hunt, Northrup and Paxton and Senator(s) Bebout and Coe

AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program; extending the deadline to apply for the scholarship; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0032 School finance-major maintenance formula](#) – House Enrolled Act 0018

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Facilities

AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the formula and payment structure for major maintenance funding for public K-12 schools; revising the definition of major maintenance; amending requirements for school building and facility assessments; revising priorities for school district facility plans; providing applicability; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0033 School finance-capital construction amendments](#) – House Enrolled Act 0017

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Facilities

AN ACT relating to school buildings and facilities; clarifying the buildings to be included in the computation of major maintenance payments to school districts; clarifying how emergency funds may be used; requiring school facilities commission approval for alternate design and construction; requiring school facilities commission approval for school districts to dispose of buildings and land; repealing obsolete provisions; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0093 Speeding fines amendments-2](#) – House Enrolled Act 0056

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Winters, Kirkbride, Olsen, Pelkey, Pownall, Salazar and Stith and Senator(s) Agar, Christensen and Nethercott

AN ACT relating to regulation of traffic on highways; amending and reorganizing provisions relating to fines and fees for speeding violations; imposing a police officer continuing education and training fee; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0108 Estelle Reel](#) – House Enrolled Act 0033

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Olsen, Eyre, Furphy, Halverson, Lindholm, Salazar, Stith and Wilson and Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Boner, Ellis, Nethercott and Pappas

AN ACT relating to the office of state superintendent of public instruction; recognizing Estelle Reel as the first woman elected and to hold the office of state superintendent of public instruction; designating a state recognized commemorative day as specified; designating the physical office of the state superintendent of public instruction as specified; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0109 Public employee retirement plan-contributions](#) – House Enrolled Act 0065

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to public employees; increasing employee and employer contributions in the public employee retirement plan; requiring the increased employee contributions to be paid through a reduction in cash salary of the employee as specified; repealing archaic provisions; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0110 Wyoming retirement plans-member accounts](#) – House Enrolled Act 0010

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to retirement plans administered by the retirement board of the Wyoming retirement system; amending and creating definitions related to member accounts; amending related provisions for account refunds and death benefits as specified; authorizing the retirement board to establish reporting requirements; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0140 School finance amendments-4 Substitute No. 1](#) – House Enrolled Act 0068

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Northrup, Brown, Harshman and Kinner and Senator Coe

AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying provisions of 2 the state's public school funding system; providing funding 3 for school related accounts, school operations and capital 4 construction by amending provisions regarding state lands 5 mineral royalties, federal mineral royalties, severance 6 taxes, specified reserve accounts and spending policies, 7 the strategic investments and projects account, corporation 8 license taxes, investment earnings and sales and use taxes 9 collected from remote sellers; imposing a limit on funds 10 within the school foundation program account; modifying 11 school board duties; modifying provisions governing average 12 daily membership calculations; revising worker's 13 compensation provisions for special education 14 professionals; providing for Medicaid reimbursements as 15 specified; amending transportation funding provisions; 2018 STATE OF WYOMING 18LSO-0476 2 HB0140 1 amending school district funding for groundskeepers; 2 repealing assessment funding; requiring a report; requiring 3 the establishment of

special education staffing guidelines; 4 providing for additional distributions to school districts; 5 providing for transfers; providing appropriations; 6 requiring the consensus revenue estimating group to meet as 7 specified; requiring rulemaking; providing applicability; 8 and providing for effective dates.

[House Bill 0194 State funded capital construction](#) – [House Enrolled Act 0067](#)

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to state funded facilities; providing appropriations for state funded capital construction; providing for conditions and other requirements related to state funded capital construction projects; providing for loans for capital construction of student dormitories; establishing accounts; providing for continuous appropriations as specified; specifying duties of the state construction department and the department of administration and information; requiring reports; providing definitions; creating an advisory task force; creating a task force; imposing a moratorium on the expenditure of funds and disposition of property as specified; providing funding and conditions of mineral impacted road projects; providing for real property lease negotiations as specified; providing for matching funds to be used for funding university intercollegiate athletics facilities; providing additional appropriations; and providing for effective dates.

[Senate File 0001 General government appropriations-2](#) – [House Enrolled Act 0062](#)

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT to make appropriations for the fiscal biennium commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020; providing definitions; providing for appropriations and transfers of funds for the period of the budget and for the remainder of the current biennium as specified; providing for carryover of certain funds beyond the biennium as specified; providing for employee positions as specified; providing for duties, terms and conditions and other requirements relating to appropriations for the remainder of the current biennium and the period of the budget as specified; providing for position and other budgetary limitations; amending existing law by redirecting revenues and making transfers for the remainder of the current biennium and the period of the budget; imposing a surcharge; reducing prior appropriations; creating a select committee; providing for reports related to appropriations; and providing for effective dates.

[Senate File 0013 School facility property insurance](#) – [Senate Enrolled Act 0053](#)

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott and Landen and Representative Walters

AN ACT relating to school district facilities; providing that a school risk retention program satisfies a school facility insurance requirement; requiring review of the program once every five years; requiring reports; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0029 Education-computer science and computational thinking](#) – [Senate Enrolled Act 0048](#)

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to education; adding computer science and computational thinking to the state educational program; eliminating keyboarding from the state educational program; providing that computer science courses may satisfy certain high school graduation requirements and certain Hathaway scholarship requirements; providing a date by which the state board of education must adopt uniform content and performance standards for computer science; providing applicability; and providing for effective dates.

[Senate File 0063 Interfund loan accounts and interest rates](#) – Senate Enrolled Act 0033

Sponsored by: Management Audit Committee

AN ACT relating to public funds; amending provisions relating to interfund loans administered by the state auditor and the state treasurer; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0072 School finance recalibration-transportation](#) – Senate Enrolled Act 0055

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration

AN ACT relating to school finance; requiring the department of education to evaluate and provide recommendations on fiscal efficiencies in transportation funding; requiring reports; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0108 Economic diversification and development](#) – Senate Enrolled Act 0037

Sponsored by: Management Council

AN ACT relating to economic diversification and development; modifying membership and authority of the economically needed diversity options for Wyoming (ENDOW) executive council; expanding agriculture marketing program within the Wyoming business council; providing for international trade representatives; specifying additional economic diversification and development studies; providing for subaccounts within the economic diversification account; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

INACTIVE BILLS

[House Bill 0012 Speeding fines amendments](#) – Not Considered by Committee of the Whole in House 2/22

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to regulation of traffic on highways; amending and reorganizing provisions relating to fines for speeding violations; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0027 Continuing teacher contracts for military spouses](#) – Not Considered for Introduction in Senate 3/7

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to teacher contracts; providing accelerated continuing contract status for teachers who are surviving spouses of veterans or are married to military members; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0030 School finance amendments](#) - Died in House Education Committee 2/22

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to school finance; requiring school districts to comply with department of workforce services programs as specified; requiring the average daily membership calculation within the school district funding model to be calculated at the school district level; revising workers' compensation provisions for special education professionals; prohibiting school districts from leasing buses; amending provisions regarding school bus purchase reimbursements; amending school district funding for groundskeepers; repealing funding to school districts for assessments; requiring a report; requiring the department of education to establish special education staffing guidelines as required by existing statute; and providing for effective dates.

[House Bill 0053 State educational program](#) – [Recommitted to Senate Education Committee 3/9](#)

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration

AN ACT relating to education; amending the state's educational program relating to computer science and world cultures and languages; providing that computer science courses may satisfy certain high school graduation requirements and certain Hathaway scholarship requirements; providing applicability; requiring a report; and providing for effective dates.

[House Bill 0083 School superintendent salary](#) – [Not Considered for Introduction in House 2/16](#)

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Stith, Clem, Gray, Jennings, Laursen, Lindholm and Winters

AN ACT relating to education; specifying that the salary of a school district superintendent shall not exceed the salary provided under the education resource funding model; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0095 Public works and contracts](#) – [Died in House Appropriations Committee 2/22](#)

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sommers, Harshman, Hunt and Loucks and Senator(s) Bebout, Driskill and Peterson

AN ACT relating to public works and contracts; authorizing specification of suggested brands and manufacturers in requests for bids and proposals as specified; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0102 Wyoming retirement plans-contributions](#) – [Not Considered for Introduction in House 2/16](#)

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jennings, Clem, Edwards, Halverson, Lone, Miller and Stith and Senator Hicks

AN ACT relating to public employees; authorizing additional employee contributions in certain plans under the Wyoming Retirement Act, the Wyoming State Highway Patrol, Game and Fish Warden and Criminal Investigator Retirement Act, the Wyoming Judicial Retirement Act and the Firemen's Pension Account Reform Act of 1981 as specified; requiring additional employee contributions to be paid through a reduction in cash salary of the employee; repealing archaic provisions; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0122 Special educators-workers compensation](#) – [Not Considered by Committee of the Whole in Senate 3/7](#)

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration

AN ACT relating to worker's compensation; eliminating the inclusion of special education teachers in the extrahazardous occupations category; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0133 Display of national motto](#) – [Not Considered by Committee of the Whole in Senate 3/7](#)

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Steinmetz, Biteman, Edwards, Halverson, Jennings, Lone, Loucks and Winters

AN ACT relating to flags and symbols; requiring the display of the national motto and United States and Wyoming flags in state buildings, schools and the state capitol; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0139 Wyoming retirement plans-incentives funded](#) – [Not Considered for Introduction in House 2/16](#)

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to retirement plans administered by the board of the Wyoming retirement system; requiring employers to pay for increased liabilities to retirement plans as a result of implementing retirement incentive programs; requiring rulemaking and providing for administration; and providing for effective dates.

[House Bill 0153 Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarships](#) – Failed 3rd Reading in Senate 3/7

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Brown, Kinner, Miller, Northrup, Paxton and Walters and Senator(s) Perkins and Rothfuss

AN ACT relating to education; providing for scholarships to out-of-state students to attend Wyoming institutions of higher education; specifying scholarship amounts, eligibility requirements and other elements of the scholarships; providing for resident tuition for scholarship recipients; creating a selection committee; creating an account; providing applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0165 College entrance exam-written component](#) – Failed Introduction in House 2/16

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Freeman, Brown, Flitner and Northrup and Senator(s) Coe and Rothfuss

AN ACT relating to education; eliminating the requirement that all eleventh grade public school students take a college entrance examination containing a written component; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0177 Comprehensive tax reform](#) – Not Considered for Introduction in House 2/16

Sponsored by: Representative Connolly and Senator Rothfuss

AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; implementing an income tax; eliminating the maximum transfer to the school capital construction account from royalties from leases on school lands; revising the distribution of federal mineral royalties; increasing the maximum profit to the state from alcoholic liquor sales; removing the state excise tax on malt beverages; authorizing cities, towns and counties to implement a tax on malt beverages; increasing property tax assessment rates; providing sunset dates; providing for the creation of and distribution of funds to the property tax refund program account; imposing a state mill levy for school capital construction; increasing severance tax rates for all minerals as specified; increasing the sales and use tax rate; establishing a statewide lodging tax; revising specified sales and use tax exemptions related to economic incentives; revising the distribution of sales and use taxes as specified; authorizing an optional municipal sales and use tax; increasing fuel tax rates; increasing tobacco taxes; creating crimes and penalties; providing applicability; amending related provisions; repealing a conflicting provision; and providing for effective dates.

[House Bill 0178 Public records](#) – Not Considered for Introduction in House 2/16

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jennings and Edwards and Senator Scott

AN ACT relating to public records; requiring the release of public records within a specified time; requiring the designation of a public records custodian of each agency, institution and political subdivision of the state; requiring notice to public records applicants; providing remedies for violations of the public records act; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0180 School finance amendments-5](#) – Not Considered for Introduction in House 2/16

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Clem, Blackburn, Edwards, Hallinan, Jennings, Miller and Pownall and Senator(s) Bebout, Driskill, Hicks and Kinskey

AN ACT relating to school finance; amending the education resource block grant model; amending the average daily membership calculation; conforming provisions; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0182 Property tax exemption-recreational facilities](#) – Not Considered for Introduction in House 2/16

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Furphy, Connolly and Haley and Senator(s) Moniz and Rothfuss

AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; exempting specified recreational facilities from property taxation; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0185 Distribution of investment income](#) – Died in House Appropriations Committee 2/22

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Byrd, Furphy, Madden, Obermueller, Walters and Wilson and Senator(s) Boner, Christensen and Wasserburger

AN ACT relating to public funds; providing for allocation of funds within the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund reserve account as specified; providing for allocation of funds within the common school permanent fund reserve account as specified; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0186 SIPA guarantee](#) – Indefinitely Postponed in House 3/15

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Connolly, Madden and Sommers and Senator(s) Rothfuss and Wasserberger

AN ACT relating to public funds; providing funding to the strategic investments and projects account from the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund reserve account in amounts as specified; providing a mechanism to transfer funds from the general fund and strategic investments and projects account back to the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund reserve account; specifying authorized appropriations from the strategic investments and projects account; and providing for an effective date.

[House Joint Resolution 0004 State lands mineral royalties-constitutional amendment](#) – Failed Introduction in House 2/16

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hallinan, Clem, Halverson, Henderson, Laursen, Miller, Pownall, Steinmetz, Sweeney and Winters and Senator Von Flatern

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to provide that all state mineral royalties earned from the lease of state school lands may be appropriated by the legislature for the support of the public schools for six years and providing a ballot statement.

[House Joint Resolution 0007 Taxpayer's bill of rights](#) – Not Considered for Introduction in House 2/16

Sponsored by: Representative Gray

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the constitution by creating a new section establishing the taxpayer's bill of rights; prohibiting any tax increase by the state or any local government or increase of debt unless approved by the voters; specifying ballot requirements; providing for a refund of excess taxes; providing for emergency taxes; prohibiting increasing state expenditures; providing for distribution of surplus funds; providing definitions; authorizing persons to commence a civil action against state governmental entities and officials as specified; allowing the state to intervene in actions; and providing for an award of litigation costs as specified.

[House Joint Resolution 0009 Public school funding](#) – Not Considered for Introduction in House 2/16

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Steinmetz, Allen, Burkhart and Hunt and Senator Driskill

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming constitution to specify that the legislature determines the adequacy of public school funding and prohibiting courts from requiring funding beyond that prescribed by law.

[Senate File 0028 School finance-health insurance-2](#) – Died in Senate Education Committee 2/22

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to school districts; modifying the health insurance funding component in the education resource block grant funding model; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0049 Disposition of state school land revenue](#) – Not Considered by Committee of the Whole in Senate 2/23

Sponsored by: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to state land revenue; eliminating the maximum transfer to the school capital construction account from mineral royalties received from the lease of school lands; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0052 Worker's compensation-rate discount](#) – Indefinitely Postponed in House 3/7

Sponsored by: Senator Bebout

AN ACT relating to worker's compensation; modifying specified base rate discounts for compliance with substance testing and health and safety programs; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0059 Passing stopped school bus](#) – Was Not Considered by Committee of the Whole in Senate 2/23

Sponsored by: Senator Wasserburger

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing a rebuttable presumption that the owner of the vehicle that unlawfully passed a stopped school bus was operating the vehicle at the time of the violation; clarifying that the owner is not subject to imprisonment for the violation as specified; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0067 Wyoming public lands day](#) – Not Considered by Committee of the Whole in House 3/7

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Christensen, Coe, Driskill, Ellis, Nethercott and Perkins and Representative(s) Allen, Flitner, Harshman and Stith

AN ACT relating to state holidays and observances; providing for a public lands day; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0087 Hathaway scholarship eligibility](#) – Not Considered by Committee of the Whole in House 3/7

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Kinskey, Bebout, Coe and Hicks and Representative(s) Greear, Madden, Miller, Sommers and Sweeney

AN ACT relating to higher education; providing that a prescribed WORKKEYS score may be used to satisfy a requirement for Hathaway scholarship eligibility; providing that three (3) consecutive years of instruction in an elective pathway are required for the success curriculum for honors and performance Hathaway scholarships; repealing conflicting provisions; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0093 Child sexual abuse education and prevention](#) – Not Considered by Committee of the Whole in House 3/7

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Coe, Ellis, Hastert, Nethercott, Pappas and Von Flatern and Representative(s) Barlow, Connolly, Freeman, Sommers and Zwonitzer

AN ACT relating to education; authorizing a school district to provide instruction to students and to take other specified actions relating to child sexual abuse education prevention and response; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0096 Early childhood education](#) – Failed Committee of the Whole in Senate – Indefinitely Postponed 2/22

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Rothfuss, Coe, Landen and Pappas and Representative(s) Bovee, Brown, Connolly, Kinner, Northrup, Paxton and Sommers

AN ACT relating to early childhood education; providing that the department of education shall administer early childhood education services; transferring specified early childhood education programs and functions; mandating the governor make necessary transfers; requiring planning; requiring reports; transferring statutory authority regarding early childhood education programs; repealing an inapplicable provision; and providing for effective dates.

Senate File 0102 National teaching certificate – Not Considered by Committee of the Whole in House 3/7

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hastert, Coe, Landen, Rothfuss and Wasserburger and Representative(s) Connolly, Freeman, Northrup, Schwartz and Sommers

AN ACT relating to educators; authorizing the department of education to enter into an agreement with a nonprofit entity to establish a program relating to national teaching certifications; imposing limitations; repealing obsolete provisions; and providing for an effective date.

Senate File 0103 Educational program commission – Died in Senate Education Committee 2/22

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

AN ACT relating to education; establishing the educational program commission; establishing commission duties; directing the department of education to staff the commission; requiring reports; providing for initial staggered terms; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

Senate File 0115 Teacher qualifications-district determination – Died in Senate Education Committee 2/22

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Kinskey, Anderson, Bebout, Burns, Coe, Hicks and Landen and Representative(s) Biteman, Clem, Lone, Madden, Pownall and Winters

AN ACT relating to education; authorizing school district boards of trustees to determine the qualifications of certified teachers in specified content areas; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

Senate File 0117 School finance amendments-3 – Postponed Indefinitely in House 3/2

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Peterson, Bebout, Coe, Hicks, Kinskey and Von Flatern and Representative(s) Clem and Lone

AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the education resource block grant model; modifying other provisions relating to school finance; amending worker's compensation provisions relating to school finance; providing for a hold harmless provision; requiring reports and other administrative action; providing an appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

Senate Joint Resolution 0001 Neighboring states school funding-constitutional amendment – Failed Introduction in Senate 2/14

Sponsored by: Senator Driskill and Representative(s) Clem, Hunt, Lindholm and Winters

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to index public school funding to the public school funding of Wyoming's neighboring states and providing a ballot statement.

Senate Joint Resolution 0003 School capital construction-constitutional amendment – Laid Back by House Education Committee 3/5

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott and Coe and Representative(s) Allen, Miller and Northrup

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to transfer responsibility to construct school facilities to school districts; to provide for specified mandatory and optional state funding mechanisms; and to provide a ballot statement.

Senate Joint Resolution 0004 Public school financing – Laid Back by House Education Committee 3/5

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ellis, Bebout, Coe and Perkins

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming constitution to specify that the legislature has the authority to determine the amount of public school funding; requiring the legislature to take into consideration currently available revenues and funding requirements when funding the public schools; further defining the roles of the legislature and judiciary in the creation and review of the state's school finance system; and providing a ballot statement.