

2019 EDUCATION BILLS

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[House Bill 0008 Major maintenance multiplier](#) – Introduced in House and Referred to House Appropriations Committee 1/14

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Facilities

AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the formula for major maintenance funding for public K-12 schools; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0022 Teacher accountability](#) – Passed Committee of the Whole Amended in House 1/18

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to education; modifying provisions governing teacher accountability; conforming provisions; repealing a provision; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0023 Education accountability](#) – Passed Committee of the Whole Amended in House 1/18

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to education accountability; generally modifying provisions of the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act; conforming provisions; repealing a provision; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0024 National board teacher certification](#) – Passed Committee of the Whole Amended in House 1/18

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to educators; modifying national board teacher certification incentive programs; repealing obsolete provisions; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0025 Virtual education amendments](#) – Received for Introduction in Senate 1/15

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to virtual education; modifying who may teach virtual education courses; modifying where a full-time virtual education student may be enrolled; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0050 Legislative review of state land transfers](#) – Introduced in House and Referred to House Agriculture Committee 1/9

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring legislative review of state land exchanges and sales under specified conditions; establishing review procedures; amending standards relating to surface and mineral rights for land transfers; requiring public hearings as specified; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

House Bill 0052 Public works and contracts – Rereferred to House Minerals Committee 1/11

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sommers, Greear, Harshman, Larsen and Loucks and Senator(s) Bebout, Driskill and Kinskey

AN ACT relating to public works and contracts; modifying requirements for the procurement of furniture and movable equipment in capital construction projects; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

House Bill 0065 Procurement amendments – Passed Committee of the Whole Amended in House 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Walters and Hunt and Senator(s) Driskill and Landen

AN ACT relating to the administration of government; modifying provisions relating to the procurement of services by public entities; subjecting school districts to the requirements of the Professional Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Services Procurement Act; providing applicability; and providing for an effective date.

House Bill 0068 School funding revenue – Received for Introduction in House 1/8

Sponsored by: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to school finance; providing additional mills for school funding as specified; and providing for an effective date.

House Bill 0075 Background check requirements-professional licensure – Passed Committee of the Whole Amended in House 1/17

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer and Wilson and Senator(s) Pappas

AN ACT relating to criminal history records; requiring individuals certified by the professional teaching standards board to submit to a criminal history record background check every five years after initial certification; requiring speech-language pathologists and assistants to submit to a criminal history record background check as a condition of licensure; making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

House Bill 0078 Education major maintenance funding - Passed 3rd Reading in House 1/18

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to community college and school district funding; providing for quarterly distribution of major maintenance funding to community colleges and school districts; increasing the percentage of unrestricted community college operating funds which may be carried forward to subsequent biennial periods; and providing for effective dates.

House Bill 0079 School finance interfund loans – Received for Introduction in Senate 1/11

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to interfund loans; amending provisions relating to interfund loans to the school foundation program account; clarifying provisions for interfund loans as specified; and providing for an effective date.

House Bill 0080 School capital construction-supplemental budget - Introduced and Referred to House Appropriations Committee 1/14

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to supplemental appropriations for school facility needs; modifying prior appropriations relating to school facilities; making additional appropriations relating to school facilities; making certain appropriations subject to specified terms and conditions; providing for a transfer of funds; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0099 Wyoming public lands day](#) – Introduced in House and Referred to House Agriculture Committee 1/11

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Schwartz, Brown, Roscoe, Sommers and Stith and Senator(s) Coe, Dockstader, Gierau and Nethercott

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

[House Bill 0101 Joint powers boards-natural gas service](#) – Passed House Corporations Committee and Committee of the Whole 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Western

AN ACT relating to local powers; authorizing joint powers boards to create and operate natural gas systems; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0117 College entrance exam-written component](#) – Introduced in House and Referred to House Education Committee 1/15

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Freeman, Brown, Haley, Paxton, Piiparinen and Sommers and Senator(s) Coe, Kost, Pappas and Schuler

AN ACT relating to education; amending the minimum test requirements of a college entrance exam selected by the state superintendent; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0118 Family college savings program-repeal](#) – Passed Committee of the Whole in House 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Walters, Brown, Kinner and Schwartz and Senator(s) Agar and Dockstader

AN ACT relating to the family college savings program; repealing permissive statutes authorizing the state treasurer to administer a family college savings program; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0129 Civics proficiency examination](#) – Failed House Education Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Olsen, Brown, Clem, Flitner, Henderson, Lindholm, Miller, Northrup and Piiparinen and Senator(s) Agar, Bebout, Biteman, Boner, Case, Coe and Pappas

AN ACT relating to education; requiring passage of an examination on the principles of the constitution of the United States and the state of Wyoming to receive a high school diploma, associate degree, baccalaureate degree or high school equivalency certificate; specifying examination requirements and composition; providing legislative findings; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0130 Wyoming Cowboy Legacy Week](#) – Passed 2nd Reading in House 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Paxton, Hunt, Sommers and Walters and Senator(s) Boner, Driskill, Landen and Moniz

AN ACT relating to holidays; making legislative findings; designating the third week of September as Wyoming Cowboy Legacy Week; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0132 Hathaway scholarships-award increase](#) – Passed House Appropriations Committee and Placed on General File 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Connolly, Piiparinen and Sommers and Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Coe, Landen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler and Wasserburger

AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program; increasing scholarship awards as specified; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0133 Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarships](#) - Passed House Education Committee and Placed on General File 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Brown and Paxton and Senator(s) Anderson, Anselmi-Dalton, Boner, Pappas 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; making the award of scholarships contingent on funding as specified; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0136 School district teacher adjustment](#) – Introduced in House and Referred to House Education Committee 1/15

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sommers, Crank and Paxton and Senator(s) Baldwin, Boner, Coe, Driskill and Kost

AN ACT relating to public school finance; modifying the education resource block grant model to provide additional funding to certain school districts for teacher positions; modifying a definition; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0137 Hathaway eligibility requirements](#) – Introduced in House and Referred to House Education Committee 1/15

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sommers, Lindholm, Northrup and Paxton and Senator(s) Driskill, Kost and Wasserburger

AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program; modifying the Hathaway success curriculum; requiring a study; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0147 K-2 foreign language requirement](#) - Introduced in House and Referred to House Education Committee 1/15

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Piiparinen, Burlingame, Clem, Edwards, Flitner, Hunt, Northrup, Obermueller, Pownall, Simpson and Western and Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Biteman, Coe, Driskill, Gierau, Hutchings, Nethercott, Schuler and Wasserburger

AN ACT relating to education; making permissive the requirement that school districts provide instruction in foreign languages to students in kindergarten through second grade; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0153 Public records-state spending and revenues](#) – Received for Introduction in House 1/16

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jennings, Clem, Edwards, Gray, Laursen, Miller, Salazar and Stith and Senator(s) Biteman and James

AN ACT relating to administration of government; requiring public reports on state spending and revenues as specified; requiring the posting of state entity requests and contracts for supplies and services as specified; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0154 Restriction on public benefits](#) – Received for Introduction in House 1/16

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jennings, Miller, Pownall, Salazar and Tass and Senator(s) Kinskey

AN ACT relating to public benefits; conditioning eligibility for state or local public benefits on lawful presence in the United States; requiring verification of lawful presence in the United States upon application for state or local public benefits; specifying penalties; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0156 Sound Money Pension Act](#) - Received for Introduction in House 1/16

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jennings, Clem, Edwards, Miller and Piiparinen and Senator(s) Hutchings and James

AN ACT relating to public funds; requiring a portion of Wyoming retirement system assets to be held as specie; providing for storage of specie; specifying that public funds may be invested in specie; providing applicability; providing legislative findings; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0172 Wyoming Budget Stabilization Act](#) – Introduced and Referred to House Revenue Committee 1/16

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gray, Barlow, Blackburn, Clem, Edwards, Jennings, Laursen, Miller, Piiparinen, Salazar and Western and Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Hutchings and James

AN ACT relating to public funds; creating the Wyoming Budget Stabilization Act; specifying limits on state expenditures; specifying distribution of surplus funds; requiring review of related statutes; and providing for effective dates.

[House Bill 0182 Special education funding](#) – Received for Introduction in House 1/17

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Flitner

AN ACT relating to school finance; amending an appropriation to the Wyoming department of education for special education out of district placements; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0183 Repeal gun free zones and preemption amendments-2](#) – Received for Introduction in House 1/17

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Salazar, Blackburn, Brown, Burkhardt, Clausen, Clem, Edwards, Eklund, Eyre, Gray, Hallinan, Henderson, Jennings, Laursen, Lindholm, Loucks, Miller, Olsen, Piiparinen, Stith, Styvar, Tass, Washut and Winter and Senator(s) Agar, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Hicks, Hutchings, James, Kinsley and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to concealed weapons; repealing gun free zones; providing for the carrying of concealed weapons as specified; clarifying that only the state legislature may regulate firearms, weapons and ammunition as specified; defining a term; amending a definition; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0193 Wyoming career technical pathway workforce strategy](#) - Received for Introduction in House 1/17

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Henderson, Harshman and Northrup and Senator(s) Kost and Nethercott

AN ACT relating to workforce development; creating the Wyoming career technical pathway trust fund; authorizing funding for career technical training, internships, opportunities and services; requiring rulemaking; conforming provisions; authorizing a contract position; providing for appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0197 K-12 school district reserve increase](#) – Introduced in House and Referred to House Education Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Freeman, Blake, Crank, Flitner, Piiparinen, Roscoe and Stith and Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, James and Kost

AN ACT relating to school finance; increasing permissible school district cash reserves amount; removing obsolete language; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0198 Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act clarification](#) - Introduced in House and Referred to House Appropriations Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Piiparinen, Crank, Eyre, Freeman, Northrup, Simpson and Zwonitzer and Senator(s) Kost and Schuler

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act; specifying the applicability of the act to local and state agencies; creating definitions; clarifying provisions; and providing for an effective date.

[House Bill 0199 Virtual education agreements](#) - Introduced in House and Referred to House Education Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Barlow, Clausen, Paxton and Sommers and Senator(s) Coe and Kost

AN ACT relating to virtual education; authorizing virtual education instruction between two Wyoming school districts which is not subject to state regulation of virtual education; providing requirements for virtual education approved under the act; and providing for an effective date.

[House Joint Resolution 0005 State lands mineral royalties-constitutional amendment](#) – Introduced in House and Referred to House Education Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hallinan, Clem, Haley, Henderson, Laursen, Miller, Pownall and Sweeney and Senator(s) Gierau, Von Flatern and Wasserburger

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to provide that for six years 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 and providing a ballot statement.

[Senate File 0018 Campaign finance revisions](#) – Passed Committee of the Whole in Senate 1/18

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to elections; modifying restriction on contribution of funds to political candidates for the general election as specified; modifying requirements for filing campaign reports as specified; requiring the filing of campaign reports relating to electioneering communications; amending campaign advertising provisions; repealing provisions relating to political speech by certain organizations; repealing archaic language; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0022 School district personnel definitions](#) – Received for Introduction in House 1/7

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to school districts; removing the requirement that school district personnel be under contract with the school district to qualify to carry a firearm on school property; removing volunteers from the definition of employee in W.S. 21-3-132(b); and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0034 Hathaway Eligibility Act](#) –Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Education Committee 1/10

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to higher education; modifying portions of the Hathaway scholarship program; providing that a prescribed career-technical aptitude test score may be used to satisfy a Hathaway scholarship eligibility requirement; amending success curriculum provisions to qualify for Hathaway honor or performance scholarships; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0043 Hathaway scholarship eligibility](#) – Passed 3rd Reading in Senate 1/16

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to higher education; modifying portions of the Hathaway scholarship program; providing that a prescribed career-technical aptitude test score may be used to satisfy a Hathaway scholarship eligibility requirement; amending success curriculum provisions to qualify for Hathaway honor or performance scholarships; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0049 County zoning authority-private schools](#) – Passed Committee of the Whole in Senate 1/18

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Bebout, Agar, Boner, Coe, Driskill and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Clausen, Greear, Hallinan, Lindholm, Miller and Salazar

AN ACT relating to counties; exempting private schools from county zoning authority as specified; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0053 Government contracts-labor organization](#) – Passed Committee of the Whole in Senate 1/18

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anderson, Boner, Driskill and Kinskey and Representative(s) Clausen, Lindholm, Pownall and Walters

AN ACT relating to public works and contracts; prohibiting governmental entities from including specified terms related to labor organization agreements in construction related contracts and grants; providing exemptions; providing legislative findings; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0054 Wyoming cowboy challenge academy endowment](#) – Passed Senate Transportation Committee and Committee of the Whole 1/17

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to the administration of defense forces and affairs; creating the Wyoming national guard youth challenge program endowment account to be administered by the state treasurer; authorizing the receipt of donations and gifts as specified; authorizing distribution of investment earnings as specified; specifying an alternate designation; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0057 Public records](#) – Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Corporations Committee 1/11

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to public records; requiring the release of public records within a specified time; requiring the designation of a public records person for each agency, institution and political subdivision of the state; requiring applications for public records to be made to the designated public records person; requiring the state chief information officer to investigate complaints and violations of the public records act as specified; modifying penalties and providing remedies for violations of the public records act; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0064 School safety and security](#) – Passed Committee of the Whole in Senate 1/18

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to student and school safety and security; modifying duties of the state superintendent of public instruction and school district boards of trustees; creating a fine relating to unlawfully passing a school bus and amending related provisions; amending school safety drill requirements; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0074 Professional services procurement](#) – Passed Committee of the Whole in Senate 1/18

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Case, Kinskey and Pappas and Representative(s) Loucks and Sommers

AN ACT relating to professional services procurement; modifying residency requirements related to the procurement of professional architectural, engineering and land surveying services; providing a definition; providing applicability; and providing for an effective date.

Senate File 0075 Repeal gun free zones and preemption amendments – Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee 1/11

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Bouchard, Agar, Bebout, Biteman, Boner, Case, Dockstader, Driskill, Hicks, Hutchings, James, Kinskey and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Blackburn, Brown, Burkhart, Clausen, Clem, Edwards, Gray, Hunt, Jennings, Laursen, Lindholm, Loucks, Miller, Olsen, Piiparinen, Pownall, Salazar, Stith, Styvar, Tass, Washut, Western and Winter

AN ACT relating to concealed weapons; repealing gun free zones; providing for the carrying of concealed weapons as specified; clarifying that only the state legislature may regulate firearms, weapons and ammunition as specified; amending a definition; and providing for an effective date.

Senate File 0079 Employee group insurance-local governments – Passed Senate Travel Committee and Placed on General File 1/17

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Rothfuss and Von Flatern and Representative(s) Brown, Gray, Obermueller and Sweeney

AN ACT relating to public employee compensation and benefits; specifying that a local government entity may make coverage through the state employees' and officials' group insurance program available to the officers and employees of the entity; making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

Senate File 0080 Passing stopped school bus-recorded images – Received for Introduction in House 1/17

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ellis, Coe and Wasserburger and Representative(s) Brown and Northrup

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for enforcement of violations related to passing a stopped school bus; clarifying access to and the use of recordings from video systems installed on a school bus; providing a fine for vehicles passing a stopped school bus; providing defenses; and providing for an effective date.

Senate File 0084 Distribution of funds-budget bill diversions – Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee 1/14

Sponsored by: Senate Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to the distribution of funds; limiting the transfer of the statutory severance tax to the general fund to fiscal year 2019; repealing provisions redirecting revenues for the period of the budget; and providing for an effective date.

Senate File 0089 Death benefits-Wyoming retirement plans – Passed 2nd Reading in Senate 1/18

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to retirement plans administered by the board of the Wyoming retirement system; amending death benefits paid under specified retirement plans for future nonvested members who are not employed by a participating employer at the time of death; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

Senate File 0090 Nonvested member accounts-Wyoming retirement plans – Passed 2nd Reading in Senate 1/18

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to retirement plans administered by the retirement board of the Wyoming retirement system; amending provisions related to interest paid on nonvested member's accounts as specified; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0098 Wyoming Budget Stabilization Act-2](#) – Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Hutchings, James and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Barlow, Blackburn, Clem, Edwards, Gray, Jennings, Laursen, Miller, Piiparinen, Salazar and Western

AN ACT relating to public funds; creating the Wyoming Budget Stabilization Act; specifying limits on state expenditures; specifying distribution of surplus funds; requiring review of related statutes; and providing for effective dates.

[Senate File 0105 Procurement pricing transparency](#) - Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Agriculture Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Senator(s) James and Representative(s) Gray and Jennings

AN ACT relating to public contracts; requiring disclosure of recently completed and ongoing contracts for state procurement as specified; making the disclosure public as specified; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0106 New taxes-audit requirement](#) – Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Agriculture Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Senator(s) James and Representative(s) Piiparinen

AN ACT relating to taxes and fees; requiring audits before the imposition or increase of any tax or fee; requiring reports of audits; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0109 Educational attainment executive council](#) - Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Education Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Wasserburger

AN ACT relating to government; continuing the educational attainment executive council; providing duties; providing for staffing; requiring reports; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0120 Student expulsion hearing requirements](#) – Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Education Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Bebout and Coe and Representative(s) Salazar

AN ACT relating to education; amending sections related to suspension and expulsion; specifying and amending hearing timeframes for students subject to suspension or expulsion; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0122 Works program](#) - Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Senate Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to education; establishing the Wyoming works program at community colleges; providing for grants for students and funding for community college technical programs approved to meet labor and economic development needs; specifying requirements for student grants and for community college program funding; providing for administration; requiring reports; providing an appropriation; specifying funding distributions; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate File 0123 School district compliance-public records and meetings](#) - Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Education Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott and Representative(s) Lindholm

AN ACT relating to school districts and public records and meetings; requiring specified entities controlled by school districts to comply with public records and public meeting laws; prohibiting school districts from expending funds to specified entities failing to comply with public records and public meeting laws; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

[Senate Joint Resolution 0001 State-federal school trust lands exchange](#) – Introduced in House and Referred to House Agriculture Committee 1/14

Sponsored by Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting the Congress of the United States to enact legislation requiring the exchange of certain landlocked state trust lands in Wyoming.

[Senate Joint Resolution 0007 School capital construction-constitutional amendment](#) – Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Education Committee 1/18

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott

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