

# Summary of 2023 Legislative Session Bills

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## Bills that PASSED the 2023 Legislative Session

### **House Bill 0001. General government appropriations. (HEA0037, CH0094)**

Sponsored by Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to supplemental appropriations for the operation of state government for the fiscal biennium commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024; providing definitions; providing for additional appropriations and transfers of funds for the period of the budget; increasing or decreasing specified amounts; adjusting the number of positions; modifying prior appropriations; providing for duties, terms and conditions and other requirements relating to appropriations for 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 period of the budget; providing for carryover of funds beyond the fiscal biennium; and providing for an effective date.

### **Revised appropriations to 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51:**

#### **Reductions or Additional Appropriations for Purposes of Spending by Funding Source:\***

General Fund (GF) appropriations increased by a net \$380 million, which includes Governor's vetoes, but not contingent actions on other acts that are specified in this act. Federal Funds appropriations increased by a net \$102 million. School Foundation Program Account appropriations increased by a net \$58 million. School Capital Construction Account appropriations increased by a net \$129 million. Net Other Funds appropriations of \$10 million.

*\*Does not include funding transfers to permanent funds, budget balancer (S10), or appropriations from other acts.*

**Additional Appropriations for Savings.** Multiple transfers were made to various accounts. The following relate specifically to K-12 education:

**Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund:** This act modifies transfers among state accounts to deposit up to \$367.6 million to the Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund; this is comprised of \$121.1 million revenue redirection and \$246.5 million from the School Foundation Program Account.

**Common School Permanent Fund Reserve Account:** This act transfers up to \$359.1 million to the Common School Permanent Fund Reserve Account; this is comprised of \$139.7 million S10 and \$219.4 million from the School Foundation Program Reserve Account and from revenue redirections.

**Hathaway Student Scholarship Reserve Account:** This act transfers up to \$4.6 million S10 to the Hathaway Student Scholarship Reserve Account.

**School Capital Construction Account:** This act transfers \$327.1 million S5 to the School Capital Construction Account.

The act also contains increases to total authorized positions for the Executive Branch of 19 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, one of which went to the Department of Education and one to the State Construction Department.

**General Government:** This act contains revised appropriations for executive branch and judicial branch agencies for the FY2023-2024 biennium. This act contains appropriations for both the Supreme Court and district courts.

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### **K-12 Education:**

**Education-School Finance (Section 2, Section 205):** This act increases appropriations by \$57.4 million from the School Foundation Program Account for an ongoing external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model.

**School Major Maintenance (Section 2, Section 027):** This act appropriates \$9.0 million from the School Capital Construction Account for major maintenance of school facilities.

**K-12 School Capital Construction (Section 3, Section 313):** This act appropriates \$100.0 million from the School Capital Construction Account for school capital construction.

**Higher Education:** This act contains appropriations for both community colleges and the University of Wyoming.

**Major Maintenance for State Facilities:** This act appropriates \$8.7 million GF for major maintenance of state facilities (Section 3, Section 308).

Various Provisions provided for appropriations/transfers from various accounts. None pertained directly to K-12 education.

The Governor vetoed several provisions that were not overridden. None pertained directly to K-12 education.

### **House Bill 0020. Land exchanges-notice.**

**(HEA0021, CH0061)**

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

AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring notice and opportunity to comment before completing an exchange; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

This act requires the director of the Office of State Lands and Investments to provide notice and opportunity for comment to interested persons before completing an exchange of state lands. The act requires direct notice be provided to leaseholders of the state lands to be exchanged, owners of adjoining lands and county commissioners.

### **House Bill 0026. School facilities-appropriations.**

**(HEA0014, CH0015)**

Sponsored by Select Committee on School Facilities

AN ACT relating to appropriations for K-12 school facilities; modifying the required budget recommendation from the select committee on school facilities; clarifying the legislature's ability to appropriate one (1) sum for design and construction for each project; clarifying reporting requirements; and providing for an effective date.

This act modifies the budget recommendation to be submitted to the Select Committee on School Facilities by the State Construction Department for K-12 school facilities to ensure the State Construction Department is required to request budgets by project phase for K-12 capital

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construction and expressly permits the Legislature to appropriate a single sum for the design and construction of K-12 schools.

### **House Bill 0027. School facilities-consolidated remediation schedule. (HEA0040, CH0083)**

Sponsored by Select Committee on School Facilities

AN ACT relating to the consolidated school facility remediation schedule for public schools; eliminating the consolidated remediation index and associated rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

This act eliminates the requirement for the School Facilities Commission to prepare a single consolidated remediation schedule for the purpose of prioritizing K-12 school facility capital construction remedies. Projects will continue to be prioritized based on the condition of the building and capacity needs.

### **House Bill 0031. BOCES as local educational agencies. (HEA0040, CH0083)**

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to education; authorizing a board of cooperative educational services to act as a local education agency for the purpose of applying for and receiving state and federal grants; authorizing rulemaking; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

This act would authorize a board of cooperative educational services to act as a local education agency for the purposes of applying for and receiving state and federal grant funding for which they are eligible. The act states the department of education may promulgate rules to establish processes and guidelines for a board of cooperative educational services to apply for state or federal grant funding for which they are eligible.

### **House Bill 0033. School finance-career technical education grants. (HEA0094, CH0164)**

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to school finance; establishing competitive grants for public schools to purchase career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment; requiring rulemaking; requiring reporting; making conforming amendments; appropriating funds; and providing for an effective date.

This act creates a grant program to be administered by the state Department of Education for K-12 public school districts to secure additional funds for the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for new and existing career and technical education programs. The maximum grant award is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for a period of two (2) years. To be eligible for a grant, school districts are required to expend the entire amount generated by the education resource block grant model for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs using expenditure data from the immediately preceding five (5) school years and amounts contained in a special reserve fund, created pursuant to W.S. 21-13-504, for supplies, material and equipment for career and technical education programs. Preference will be

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given to districts that have not received a grant under the program in the immediately preceding five (5) school years.

### **House Bill 0056. Purple star schools.**

**(HEA0050, CH0075)**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Brown, Andrew, Harshman, Neiman, Northrup and O'Hearn and Senator(s) Barlow, Boner and Ellis

AN ACT relating to education; providing for the designation of purple star schools that take specific actions to assist military connected students; specifying requirements for purple star schools; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

This bill provides a process for the Department of Education to designate a school as a purple star school if the school takes specific actions to provide assistance to military connected students. The requirements to be designated as a purple star school include having a staff member designated as a military liaison, maintaining a web page with resources for military connected students and their families, maintaining a transition program that assists military connected students in transitioning to the school and offering professional development for staff members on issues related to military connected students.

### **House Bill 0070. Definition of home-based educational program.**

**(HEA0080, CH0157)**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Neiman, Andrew, Bear, Crago, Haroldson, Heiner, Jennings, Knapp, Pendergraft and Rodriguez-Williams and Senator(s) Driskill and Hicks

AN ACT relating to education; modifying the definition of home-based educational program; and providing for an effective date.

This act modifies the definition of home-based educational programs authorized to operate in Wyoming by eliminating the requirement that an instructional program be provided by a single-family unit.

### **House Bill 0089. State investment returns-adequate reserve funding.**

**(HEA0013, CH0016)**

Sponsored by Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

AN ACT relating to the investment of state funds; authorizing specified state permanent fund reserve accounts to maintain larger balances for the benefit of state investment strategies; providing that balances in specified reserve accounts are intended to be inviolate; removing encumbrances on specified reserve accounts; defining legislative intent for future appropriations and budget requests; providing legislative findings; and providing for an effective date.

The Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund, Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund, Excellence in Higher Education Endowment Fund, and the Hathaway Student Scholarship Endowment are inviolate permanent funds, each maintaining their own reserve account. Each reserve account guarantees that a certain level of beneficiary funding will be available each year even if earnings from the associated permanent fund do not satisfy guaranteed funding amounts (*i.e.*, the “spending policy”). Each reserve account maintains a

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statutorily set “tip” amount. The tip amount establishes the maximum size of each reserve account before excess funds in the reserve account are deposited into the associated permanent fund. This act adjusts each reserve account’s tip amount to allow the reserve account to accumulate an amount of money equal to seven years of its maximum annual expenditure obligation. By allowing the reserve accounts to maintain seven years of reserves, each reserve account and its associated permanent fund are more financially stable, and the state treasurer can invest monies in the permanent funds, and in some instances the reserve accounts, using longer-term investment strategies that will likely provide higher investment returns. While the four permanent funds addressed by this act are inviolate - meaning their corpuses are protected from being appropriated or depleted - the reserve accounts are not. This act amends the statutory language that creates each reserve account to express the Legislature’s intent that each reserve account be treated as inviolate. The act states that, if the reserve accounts are not treated as inviolate, the benefits of maintaining larger reserve amounts in each reserve account will be diminished. The Budget Bill (2023 House Bill 0001) appropriates \$639,600,000.00 from savings to the reserve accounts addressed in this act to allow each account to maintain approximately five times its annual spending obligation. The act removes an unnecessary obligation on the permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund reserve account related to a loss reserve account for local infrastructure loans and states the Legislature’s intent that a specified appropriation from the Hathaway Scholarship Expenditure Account not be funded from the Account in the 2025-26 fiscal biennium or thereafter.

### **House Bill 0099. Property tax refund program. (HEA0075, CH0142)**

Sponsored by Joint Revenue Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to property tax; amending qualifications for the property tax refund program; amending qualifications for the county optional property tax refund program; and providing for an effective date.

This act amends the existing property tax refund program as follows: To qualify for the program, the act requires the property to be occupied by the owner for not less than nine (9) months of the applicable tax year; The act increases the maximum household income to qualify for the program from seventy-five percent (75%) of the median gross household income of the county or state to one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the median gross household income; The act increases the maximum household assets to qualify for the program from one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) per adult member of the household and clarifies that the maximum household assets do not apply if the person’s tax liability is greater than ten percent (10%) of the person’s household income; The act specifies that the maximum refund shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the prior year’s property tax. The act makes the same changes to the county optional property tax refund program and specifies that the maximum refund under both programs shall not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the prior year’s property tax.

### **House Bill 0100. Acquisition value study. (HEA0055, CH0124)**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Jennings, Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Davis, Heiner, Knapp, Locke, Niemiec, Pendergraft, Penn, Slagle, Strock and Styvar and Senator(s) Hutchings

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AN ACT relating to property tax; requiring a study on the changes necessary to convert the property tax system to a system based on the acquisition value of the property; requiring a report; requiring the joint revenue interim committee to review the report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

This act requires the Department of Revenue to contract with an outside consultant to conduct a study on the statutory, regulatory, and procedural changes necessary to convert Wyoming's residential property tax system to a system based on the acquisition value of the property. "Acquisition value" is defined to mean the purchase price paid for the acquisition of property. The results of the study are required to be reported to the Joint Revenue Interim Committee not later than September 1, 2023. The Committee is required to review the study and prepare any legislation it deems advisable for the 2025 General Session of the Legislature.

### **House Bill 0175. Excused absence-state fair events.** **(HEA0026, CH0047)**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Strock, Allemand, Knapp and Slagle and Senator(s) Boner

AN ACT relating to student attendance; modifying the duties of local boards of trustees; modifying excused absences for events associated with the state fair; and providing for an effective date.

This act modifies the definition of excused absence for K-12 public schools to include programming or competitions sponsored by nationally recognized organizations and clubs that promote youth agriculture education and for events associated with participating in the annual state fair.

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### **Senate File 0052. School Finance-special education funding.** **(SEA0058, CH0111)**

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the distribution of funds for K-12 public school special education services; repealing a provision; and providing for an effective date.

This act modifies the distribution of funds for K-12 public school special education services by removing this component from the education resource block grant model. This act does not change the amount received by school districts for special education.

### **Senate File 0066. School Capital construction funding.** **(SEA0096, CH0175)**

Sponsored by Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to school finance accounts; eliminating the school major maintenance subaccount within the strategic investments and projects account, the school lands mineral royalties account and the school capital construction account; modifying the distribution of revenues; clarifying the timing of transfers from the strategic investments and projects account as specified; transferring

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funds; making conforming amendments; repealing provisions; and providing for effective dates.

This act eliminates the school major maintenance subaccount within the strategic investments projects account, the school lands mineral royalties account and the school capital construction account. The act redirects future revenues for those accounts to the public school foundation program account beginning at the end of the FY 2025-2026 biennium. Expenses associated with operation of the education resource block grant model and facility needs, including but not limited to planning, design and construction of new facilities, leasing, component projects and major maintenance, for K-12 public schools will first be made by the public school foundation program account. The act clarifies, for the period beginning with effective date of the act through July 1, 2024, that the transfer from the strategic investments and projects account to the school major maintenance subaccount occurs prior to the transfer from the strategic investments and projects account to the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account. The act directs the state auditor to transfer any unencumbered, unobligated funds in the school major maintenance subaccount within the strategic investments and projects account, the school lands mineral royalties account and the school capital construction account to the public school foundation program account effective July 1, 2024, and any funds that are to revert to those accounts are directed to the public school foundation program account.

### **Senate File 0078. Apprenticeship and job training promotion in schools. (SEA0023, CH0042)**

Sponsored by Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee  
AN ACT relating to education, labor and employment; requiring the department of workforce services to provide information to secondary students in Wyoming on apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs; specifying duties of school boards of trustees; requiring a report; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

This act requires the Department of Workforce Services to provide information and guidance to school districts regarding registered apprenticeship programs, on-the-job training and student learner agreements that are available to secondary students in Wyoming for credit, pay, or both, including the rights and responsibilities of school districts, employers and students participating in the programs, and available financial assistance. The act establishes new duties for school districts to disseminate the information provided by DWS to students and to establish procedures to provide school credit to those students who participate in apprenticeship programs, on-the job training, or student learner agreements. Comments: The Department must report not later than October 1 each year to the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee and the Joint Education Interim Committee on the provision of information required under this act to boards of trustees and on efforts of school districts to provide school credit to students participating in these programs. The information required to be provided by the Department shall be given to each school district board of trustees beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

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### **Senate File 0083. Apprenticeship and job training promotion in schools. (SEA0077, CH0166)**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Rothfuss and Pappas and Representative(s) Brown, Olsen and Walters

AN ACT relating to K-12 school facility leasing; modifying leasing agreements; modifying the duties of the state construction department as specified; modifying use of school district facilities by charter schools as specified; requiring approval for major maintenance expenditures on leased facilities; requiring separate accounting; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

This act requires K-12 public school districts and charter schools separately identify, and account for, the amount to be expended on major maintenance for any facility or building leased by a school district or a charter school. The act requires approval by the school district or the charter school prior to the expenditure of funds allocated for major maintenance. The act authorizes the State Construction Department to review the reasonableness of any expenditure for the major maintenance of leased space at the request of a school district or a charter school and requires the State Construction Department to review requests submitted by charter schools to determine whether space exists within the applicable school district for operation of the charter school. The act clarifies that school districts may not charge charter schools for any space that is deemed available and adequate by the State Construction Department.

### **Senate File 0097. Education trust fund transfer. (SEA0068, CH0139)**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Hicks, Dockstader, Driskill and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Neiman, Stith and Washut

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming education trust fund; repealing the Wyoming education trust fund; repealing related provisions; providing for a transfer of funds from the Wyoming education trust fund to the common school account within the permanent land fund; amending the distribution of trust funds available to public schools; and providing for an effective date.

This act repeals the Wyoming Education Trust Fund and transfers any unencumbered, unobligated funds in the Fund to the corpus of the Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund. The act revises the operation of innovative program grants to remove references to the Education Trust Fund and to specify that the source of funds for the grants are from amounts appropriated by the Legislature.

### **Senate File 0098. Education-certificate of completion. (SEA0062, CH0114)**

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

AN ACT relating to education; authorizing the award of a certificate of completion for students with disabilities as identified under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as specified; requiring rulemaking; requiring reporting; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.



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This act requires the State Board of Education to establish requirements for the award of a certificate of completion to be issued by Wyoming high schools for students with disabilities as identified under the federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act.

### **Senate File 0123. Military dependents-school choice.**

**(SEA0066, CH0130)**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Boner, Brennan, Ellis, Hutchings and Nethercott and Representative(s) Brown, O'Hearn, Olsen and Styvar

AN ACT relating to education; allowing children of active duty military members to transfer to any public school within a school district as specified; requiring reporting; making a conforming amendment; and providing for an effective date.

This act allows a child whose parent or guardian is an active duty military member to transfer from one public school to another public school within the school district if the active-duty military member provides proof of having filed an official complaint with the military base describing discrimination against the child. The act defines "active duty military" to mean full-time duty status in the active uniformed services of the United States, but it does not include members of the national guard and reserve on active duty orders. A school district may decline to transfer a child to a particular public school if that child has been suspended or expelled. A school district must report a transfer denial to the state superintendent of public instruction not later than ten days after the school district issues the transfer denial. The act does not require a public school to offer additional programs, alter the structure of the school, or alter eligibility criteria to accommodate a child seeking a transfer of enrollment. The act outlines an appeal process for any parent or guardian who is an active duty military member aggrieved by a decision of the school district.

### **Senate File 0133. Student eligibility in interscholastic sports.**

**(SEA0092, CH0191)**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Schuler, Biteman, French, Hutchings, Jones, Kolb, McKeown, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Allred, Berger, Crago, Haroldson, Harshman, Henderson, Jennings, Rodriguez-Williams, Sommers, Styvar and Trujillo

AN ACT relating to education; prohibiting students of the male sex from competing on a team designated for students of the female sex as specified; prohibiting retaliation; providing for an administrative hearing as specified; alternatively providing for a commission to determine student eligibility as specified; providing definitions; providing immunity as specified; providing an appropriation; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

Article 1 of this bill prohibits a student of the male sex from competing in an athletic activity designated for students of the female sex. The prohibition applies to public school athletic activities for grades seven through twelve. The bill further prohibits government entities from taking adverse action against a school for maintaining separate teams for students of the female sex, or against a student who seeks review of a school failing to enforce the provisions of the article. The bill defines "sex" as the biological, physical condition of being male or female, determined by an individual's genetics and anatomy at birth. Should Article 1 be enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction, Article 2 of the bill becomes effective. Article 2 creates a commission composed of five (5) members appointed by the Wyoming high school activities

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association to include a current or former athletic director or coach, a mental health professional, a parent of a current student and two (2) members at large. The commission promulgates rules to determine student eligibility based on physical characteristics for the age and gender group in a given gender-designated interscholastic activity. The bill provides immunity from liability for the commission, and requires the commission to assess on an individual basis any student wishing to participate in a gender-designated interscholastic activity that does not correspond with the student's biological sex. The bill further provides for the confidentiality of any proceeding to determine eligibility and the process for determining eligibility.

### **Senate File 0174. Wyoming charter school authorizing board.**

**(SEA0080, CH0179)**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Driskill, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Dockstader, Ellis, Hutchings, Jones, Kolb, Laursen, D, Salazar and Scott and Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Burkhart, Byron, Conrad, Davis, Eklund, Haroldson, Heiner, Henderson, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Lawley, Locke, Neiman, Niemiec, O'Hearn, Oakley, Olsen, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Rodriguez Williams, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Stith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Ward, Washut, Winter and Wylie

AN ACT relating to charter schools; creating the Wyoming charter school authorizing board; modifying the duties of the state superintendent of public instruction; defining terms; revising the process for approval and renewal of charter schools; modifying the requirements for the operation of converted charter schools; modifying funding of charter schools; making conforming amendments; repealing provisions; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

This act creates the Wyoming charter school authorizing board as an independent authorizer to supervise and approve the operation of charter schools, replacing the State Lands and Investments Board added in 2021. School districts retain the ability to approve and supervise the operation of charter schools. The act includes additional duties for charter school authorizers related to review and approval of charter school applications and modifies provisions governing application and operation of converted charters schools. The act provides charter schools with the ability to appeal an authorizer's decision to revoke or not renew a charter application to the Office of Administrative Hearings, then to a state district court. The act modifies the funding for charter schools and provides that charter schools are entitled to 100% of the amount computed by the education resource block grant model generated by the students that attend the charter school, minus amounts generated for district level resources. The act provides that one additional charter school may be authorized by the Wyoming charter school authorizing board, beginning July 1, 2026, through July 1, 2028. The act requires annual reporting through 2028, by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with the State Construction Department, to the Legislature on the financial implications of the operation of charter schools.

### **Senate Joint Resolution 0003. Property tax residential property class.**

**(SEJR 0003)**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Dockstader and Representative(s) Allred and Byron

A JOINT RESOLUTION to amend the Wyoming Constitution by providing for the assessment of residential real property as a separate property class for the purpose of taxation.

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Under Article 15, Section 11 of the Constitution, for purposes of property taxes, all property is required to be uniformly valued at its full value in three classes: the gross production of minerals and mine products; industrial property; and all other property real and personal. The third class includes residential property, commercial property, agricultural property, and personal property. This proposed amendment to the Constitution would create a fourth class of property by making residential property a separate class from the “all other property” class. The Constitution also prohibits the Legislature from creating any subclass within the authorized classes of property. This amendment would allow the Legislature to create a subclass of residential property for owner occupied primary residences.

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### **Bills that FAILED the 2023 Legislative Session**

#### **House Bill 0025. School Capital construction-transfers and distributions.**

Sponsored by Select Committee on School Facilities

AN ACT relating to public funds; revising distribution of funds from the school major maintenance subaccount within the strategic investments and projects account and the school lands mineral royalties account to the school capital construction account as specified; clarifying the timing of transfers from the strategic investments and projects account; and providing for an effective date.

#### **House Bill 0030. Wyoming’s tomorrow scholarship program amendments.**

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming's tomorrow scholarship program; modifying the transfer of funds from the Wyoming's tomorrow scholarship expenditure account to the Wyoming's tomorrow scholarship endowment fund; modifying the calculation of the average market value of the Wyoming's tomorrow scholarship endowment fund as specified; transferring funds as specified; and providing for an effective date.

#### **House Bill 0032. Education mill levy amendment.**

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to education; providing for a reauthorization of the adult education mill levy; clarifying the maximum mill levies school districts and community college districts may levy for board of cooperative services agreements; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

#### **House Bill 0034. School finance-mental health services.**

Sponsored by Joint Education Committee

AN ACT relating to school finance; creating a program for school districts to apply for competitive grants to assist in providing mental health services to K-12 public education students for two (2) years; providing an appropriation; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

#### **House Bill 0054. Homestead exemption.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Sommers and Senator(s) Baldwin

AN ACT relating to taxation; establishing a homestead exemption for primary residences; providing a penalty for false claims; providing a sunset date; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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### **House Bill 0066. Prohibiting mask, vaccine and testing discrimination.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Ward, Allemand, Angelos, Banks, Haroldson, Hornok, Knapp, Locke, Ottman, Penn, Rodriguez-Williams, Slagle, Smith, Strock, Styvar and Winter and Senator(s) Hutchings and Salazar

AN ACT relating to public health and safety; prohibiting discrimination and publishing or advertising based on a person's vaccination, face covering or medical testing status as specified; providing a criminal penalty; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; repealing immunization requirements; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0068. School zone crosswalks.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Henderson and Northrup and Senator(s) Schuler

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring vehicles to stop for pedestrians in school zone crosswalks as specified; authorizing video systems within school zones; providing for the use of video obtained from the video systems; providing a penalty; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0077. School finance-average daily membership.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Harshman, Allred, Andrew, Berger, Brown, Lawley and Provenza and Senator(s) Rothfuss and Schuler

AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the definition of average daily membership as specified; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0078. Protection of parental rights.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Stith, Haroldson, Neiman, Olsen and Wylie and Senator(s) Kinsky, Schuler and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to parental rights; specifying applicability of parental rights protections; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0087. Crimes of obscenity-revisions.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Ward, Allemand, Angelos, Haroldson, Hornok, Locke, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Slagle and Strock and Senator(s) Hutchings, Ide and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; amending the definition of child pornography for the offense of sexual exploitation of children to include cartoons and other depictions; repealing an exemption from promoting obscenity for activities conducted in the course of employment at a school, college, university, museum or public library; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0098. Property tax-homeowner's exemption.**

Sponsored by Joint Revenue Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to taxation; establishing a homeowner's exemption for primary residences; providing a penalty for false claims; specifying applicability; providing a sunset date; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0105. Repeal gun free zones and preemption amendments.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Haroldson, Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Jennings, Knapp, Locke, Niemiec, Pendergraft, Penn, Rodriguez-Williams, Smith, Strock, Tarver, Ward and Winter and Senator(s) Biteman, Case, Hutchings, Laursen, D and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to concealed weapons; repealing gun free zones; providing for the carrying of concealed weapons as specified; creating a criminal offense for prohibiting

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entry to a person carrying a concealed weapon as specified; clarifying that only the state legislature may regulate firearms, weapons and ammunition; providing for an exception; amending a definition; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0121. Property tax deferral program-amendments.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Lawley, Harshman, Sommers and Zwonitzer, Dn and Senator(s) Case, Cooper, Rothfuss and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to property taxes; providing that the property tax deferral program shall be administered by the department of revenue; revising the amount of taxes that can be deferred; revising the calculation of interest; making deferral of taxes contingent on the availability of funds; clarifying eligibility; making conforming changes; requiring rulemaking; repealing a conflicting provision; providing an appropriation; specifying applicability; requiring a report; and providing for effective dates.

### **House Bill 0136. Capital construction amendments.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Larsen, L, Walters and Wylie and Senator(s) Gierau

AN ACT relating to the administration of government; amending requirements for state capital construction projects and maintenance of state buildings; amending definitions relating to procurement of materials, goods, services and projects for capital construction and maintenance by state agencies; allowing contracts for public works to be let to nonresidents under specified circumstances; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0138. Suicide prevention.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Newsome, Harshman, Sherwood and Sommers and Senator(s) Gierau

AN ACT relating to education; requiring suicide prevention education; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0158. Bid rejection or denial for public works contracting.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Larsen, L

AN ACT relating to public works; amending requirements for letting contracts for public works; requiring a written response for procurement decisions as specified; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 00164. Legal notice publication on websites.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dv, Sherwood, Singh and Stith and Senator(s) Barlow, Landen, Nethercott and Pappas

AN ACT relating to the publication of legal notices; requiring legal notices that are required to be published in newspapers to also be published on a statewide website and on the newspaper's website; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 00167. Wyoming teacher shortage loan repayment program.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Henderson, Berger, Brown, Niemiec, Northrup, Zwonitzer, Dn and Zwonitzer, Dv and Senator(s) Baldwin, Brennan, Pappas and Schuler

AN ACT relating to education; reauthorizing the Wyoming teacher shortage loan repayment program; modifying eligibility requirements; making conforming amendments; appropriating funds; repealing a provision; and providing for an effective date.

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### **House Bill 0169. K-12 post secondary education options.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Harshman, Andrew, Berger, Clouston, Lawley and Provenza and Senator(s) Ellis

A AN ACT relating to education; modifying duties of school district boards of trustees to require access to a minimum of twelve (12) post secondary credit hours for high school students as specified; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0170. Public funds-reserves and spending policy.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Harshman, Larsen, L, Nicholas, Northrup and Sommers and Senator(s) Barlow and Rothfuss

AN ACT relating to public funds; establishing a spending policy for the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust account; modifying expenditures from the wildlife and natural resource trust income account; modifying transfers from the Wyoming's tomorrow scholarship expenditure account as specified; modifying the calculation of the average market value of the Wyoming's tomorrow scholarship endowment fund; making conforming amendments; requiring the transfer of funds; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0176. K-12 education standards and assessments.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Harshman, Allred, Brown and Provenza and Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Cooper, Landen, Nethercott, Schuler and Scott

AN ACT relating to education; modifying the duties of the state board of education; limiting the number of content and performance standards adopted by the state board of education as specified; modifying the duties of local boards of trustees; authorizing the use of course completion to demonstrate student performance as specified; requiring reports; specifying application; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0177. Expulsion for possession of a deadly weapon.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Harshman and Brown and Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Cooper, Landen and Schuler

AN ACT relating to education; modifying expulsion of a student from public school for possession of a deadly weapon as specified; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0187. Student eligibility in interscholastic activities-2.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Crago, Northrup, Oakley, Stith and Western and Senator(s) Schuler

AN ACT relating to school sports; prohibiting students of the male sex from competing on a team designated for students of the female sex as specified; alternatively providing for the state board of education to determine student eligibility as specified; providing definitions; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0192. Education K-12 food service program.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Clouston, Allred, Andrew, Berger, Harshman, Lawley, Provenza and Zwonitzer, Dn and Senator(s) Rothfuss

AN ACT relating to education; establishing a financial assistance program for public schools to operate food service programs; requiring school districts to establish food service programs; requiring school districts to make lunch available to every student enrolled in public school; modifying duties of the state superintendent of public instruction; requiring rulemaking; requiring reporting; making conforming amendments; providing appropriations; and providing for effective dates.

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### **House Bill 0194. Wyoming freedom scholarship act.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Andrew, Allemand, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Davis, Eklund, Haroldson, Heiner, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Lawley, Locke, Neiman, Niemiec, O'Hearn, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Rodriguez-Williams, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Stith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Ward, Washut, Winter and Zwonitzer, Dn and Senator(s) Baldwin, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Driskill, Hutchings, Kinskey, Laursen, D, Salazar and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to education; creating the Wyoming Freedom Scholarship Act; authorizing education savings accounts; specifying legal proceedings; creating an account; providing for a transfer of funds to the account; providing for the use and administration of education savings accounts for education; providing powers and duties of the state treasurer; providing rulemaking authority; specifying that a qualified school is not an agent of the state or federal government; establishing an oversight committee; making conforming amendments; providing an appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

### **House Bill 0201. Hathaway fallen first responder scholarship.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Northrup, Clouston and Crago and Senator(s) Baldwin and Rothfuss

AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program; creating the Hathaway fallen first responder scholarship; modifying scholarship eligibility requirements as specified; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0203. PMTF and CSPLF reserve accounts-repeal and simplification.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Obermueller, Jennings, Yin and Zwonitzer, Dn and Senator(s) Hicks and Rothfuss

AN ACT relating to public funds; amending the distribution of excess investment earnings of the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund and common school account within the permanent land fund; repealing the spending policy for the common school account within the permanent land fund; repealing the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund reserve account and the common school permanent fund reserve account; making conforming amendments; repealing obsolete provisions; providing for the transfer of funds; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0205. Ban on teaching and training critical race theory.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Bear, Allemand, Angelos, Banks, Davis, Haroldson, Heiner, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Lawley, Locke, Neiman, Niemiec, O'Hearn, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Rodriguez-Williams, Slagle, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Ward, Winter and Wylie and Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Dockstader, Hicks, Hutchings, Kolb, Laursen, D, McKeown, Salazar and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to teaching and training standards; creating limitations on teaching and training specified concepts; specifying duties for the attorney general and district attorneys; preventing public employers from requiring employee training on specified concepts; creating private causes of action; authorizing civil damages; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0208. School foundation program reserve account-investments.**

Sponsored by House Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to school finance; authorizing the investment of the school foundation program reserve account in equities; amending the deposit of investment earnings into the account; and providing for an effective date.

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### **House Bill 0215. Property tax exemptions-elderly and veterans.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Bear and Ward

AN ACT relating to property tax; providing a tax exemption for the primary residence of elderly persons and veterans; providing qualifications; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0220. Prohibiting pornography in schools.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Hornok, Banks, Bear, Davis, Haroldson, Jennings, Locke, Niemiec, O'Hearn, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Slagle and Smith and Senator(s) Ide

AN ACT relating to education; prohibiting sensitive materials in schools; specifying duties for the boards of trustees in school districts and the state board of education relating to sensitive materials; defining terms; making conforming amendments; requiring reports; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0223. Wyoming preschool provider grants.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Sommers, Berger and Larsen, L and Senator(s) Barlow, Rothfuss and Schuler

AN ACT relating to education; modifying the expenditure of revenues generated by the Wyoming education trust fund; establishing a grant program for preschool providers as specified; defining terms; specifying requirements; providing rulemaking authority; eliminating the innovative program grant program; transferring funds; making conforming amendments; repealing provisions; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0227. Veterans' property tax exemption-amendments.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Newsome, Northrup and Sherwood and Senator(s) Barlow

AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; increasing the assessed value amount of the veterans' property tax annual exemption; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

### **House Bill 0235. School board members-same day swearing in and serving.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Locke, Allemand, Neiman, Ottman, Penn and Slagle and Senator(s) Ide

AN ACT relating to education; requiring school district board trustees to be sworn in and begin their official duties on the same day; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0256. Property tax holiday.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Locke, Allemand, Haroldson, Jennings, Styvar and Ward

AN ACT relating to property tax; providing a property tax reduction for tax year 2023; providing a sunset date; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

### **House Bill 0283. Promoting obscenity-educational exception amendment.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Knapp, Angelos, Jennings, Neiman, Pendergraft and Winter and Senator(s) Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; amending an exception to the offense of promoting obscenity relating to educational and library activities; and providing for an effective date.



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### **House Bill 0287. Gaming districts and amendments.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Harshman and Yin and Senator(s) Pappas and Schuler  
AN ACT relating to gaming; authorizing the establishment of gaming districts as specified; specifying the type of gaming activities that may take place in gaming districts; authorizing the entry of agreements with gaming operators to operate within gaming districts; requiring the remittance of specified gaming revenue to the state; providing for the distribution of remitted gaming revenue; providing definitions; specifying exceptions to and amending prohibitions on gambling and gaming; amending gaming requirements; making conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

### **House Joint Resolution 0001. Residential property taxation amendment.**

Sponsored by Joint Revenue Interim Committee  
A JOINT RESOLUTION providing for the assessment of residential real property as a separate property class for the purpose of property tax assessments, specifying how residential real property may be valued and authorizing certain exemptions and subclasses related to residential real property.

### **House Joint Resolution 0002. Constitutional amendment-residential property class.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Sommers, Crago, Harshman and Northrup and Senator(s) Pappas  
A JOINT RESOLUTION providing for the assessment of residential real property as a separate property class for the purpose of taxation and authorizing subclasses related to residential real property.

### **House Joint Resolution 0004. Residential property tax cap-amendment.**

Sponsored by Representative(s) Locke, Allemand, Banks, Davis, Jennings, Styvar and Ward and Senator(s) Laursen, D and Salazar  
A JOINT RESOLUTION specifying how residential real property may be valued for the purpose of property tax assessments.

### **House Joint Resolution 0006. Common school account-investments and distributions.**

Sponsored by House Appropriations Committee  
A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to modify and modernize the common school account within the permanent land fund; requiring that all common school account earnings be transferred to a separate earnings fund; specifying actions and uses of the common school account's earnings; and requiring that the legislature provide a means for making whole any investment losses to the common school account.

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### **Senate File 0035. School crosswalks and pedestrian crossings-appropriation.**

Sponsored by Joint Judiciary Interim Committee  
AN ACT relating to the administration of government; providing an appropriation for purposes of grants for school crosswalk improvement and pedestrian bridge planning, design and construction; specifying conditions for grants; and providing for an effective date.

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### **Senate File 0044. School facilities-major maintenance.**

Sponsored by Select Committee on School Facilities

AN ACT relating to the expenditure of major maintenance funds on K-12 buildings and facilities; modifying the definition of major maintenance; authorizing the expenditure of major maintenance funds to improve the functionality of school buildings and facilities to deliver required educational programs as specified; authorizing the expenditure of major maintenance funds for reconfiguration as specified; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0045. School facilities-building acquisition.**

Sponsored by Select Committee on School Facilities

AN ACT relating to school building and facility projects; requiring the school facilities commission, the state construction department, the department of administration and information and the state building commission to assist Natrona County school district number one in acquisition of a facility located in Casper, Wyoming for the delivery of the required educational program as specified; exempting the sale of a property from the requirement for fair market value; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0047. Education-repeal of immunity for corporal discipline.**

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT related to K-12 education; repealing a statutory provision providing civil and criminal immunity for teachers, principals and superintendents in the exercise of reasonable corporal discipline of a student authorized by school district board of trustee policy; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0048. Education- suspension and expulsion model policies.**

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the state superintendent to develop model rules and policies for student discipline, including suspension and expulsion of students; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0049. Safe school and climate act amendments.**

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to the safe school and climate act; clarifying application of the act; modifying requirements; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0050. Charter school amendments.**

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to charter schools; authorizing charter schools as local education agencies to receive and apply for federal and state grants; modifying charter school application requirements; modifying charter school funding; modifying reporting requirements; making conforming amendments; repealing provisions; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0051. School finance- regional cost adjustment.**

Sponsored by Joint Education Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the Wyoming cost-of-living index as used in the regional cost adjustment within the education resource block grant model as specified; providing a sunset date; and providing for an effective date.

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### **Senate File 0084. Education-model student attendance policies.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Ellis, Biteman, Brennan and Landen and Representative(s) Andrew, Brown and Haroldson

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the state superintendent of public instruction to develop model rules and policies for student attendance; requiring rulemaking; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0085. State funds-streamlining transfers and distributions.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Hicks

AN ACT relating to public funds; eliminating the school major maintenance subaccount within the strategic investments and projects account, the school lands mineral royalties account and the school capital construction account; modifying the distribution of revenues; clarifying the timing of transfers from the strategic investments and projects account as specified; transferring funds; making conforming amendments; repealing provisions; and providing for effective dates.

### **Senate File 0090. Wyoming property tax relief authority.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Case and Representative(s) Harshman

AN ACT relating to the administration of government; creating the Wyoming property tax relief authority; specifying duties and powers of the authority; creating a property tax loan program; authorizing the issuance of bonds under specified conditions; requiring notice of the property tax loan program in assessment notices; providing definitions; providing an appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

### **Senate File 0104. Property tax-mill levy adjustment.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Steinmetz, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Driskill, Gierau, Kinskey, McKeown and Salazar and Representative(s) Bear, Davis, Haroldson, Heiner, Hornok, Jennings, Ward and Winter

AN ACT relating to property taxes; specifying requirements on how specified mill levy rates are determined; limiting certain mill levy rates; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0110. Personal property-tax exemptions.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) McKeown, Biteman, French, Hutchings, Ide, Laursen, D and Salazar and Representative(s) Neiman

AN ACT relating to property taxes; providing a property tax exemption for tangible personal property; making conforming amendments; repealing provisions related to the reporting and valuation of personal property; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0114. Constitutional instruction and examination requirements.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Laursen, D, Biteman, French, Ide, McKeown, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Bear, Davis, Haroldson, Heiner, Rodriguez-Williams, Smith and Zwonitzer, Dn

AN ACT relating to education; modifying the state and federal constitutional instruction required in public schools; requiring passing an additional examination for high school graduation; and providing for an effective date.

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### **Senate File 0117. Parental rights in education.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Dockstader and Representative(s) Allred

AN ACT relating to education; specifying procedures and requirements for school districts to provide parents notice of information regarding students and the rights of parents to make decisions regarding their children; specifying that school districts cannot prohibit parental notification and involvement in critical decisions involving students; prohibiting classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity as specified; specifying training requirements for school districts; specifying procedures for resolving parent concerns and complaints; specifying duties for school district boards of trustees and the state board of education; providing for a cause of action; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

### **Senate File 0125. Property tax-limiting the maximum taxable value increase.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Salazar, Biteman, French, Ide and McKeown and Representative(s) Ottman and Pendergraft

AN ACT related to ad valorem taxation; limiting the maximum annual taxable value increase for purposes of property taxes; striking obsolete language; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0130. Educational Freedom Act.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Hutchings, Ide, McKeown and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Bear, Heiner, Ottman, Trujillo and Ward

AN ACT relating to education; requiring instruction in public K-12 schools to be consistent with the principles of individual freedom as specified; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0132. Study of K-12 education program.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Ellis and Representative(s) Andrew, Neiman and Trujillo

AN ACT relating to education; modifying the duties of the state board of education as specified; requiring a study; requiring reporting; requiring adoption of graduation standards as specified; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0135. Repeal gun free zones-government buildings and meetings.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Bouchard, Biteman, French, Ide, Laursen, D, McKeown and Salazar and Representative(s) Allemand, Hornok, Pendergraft, Trujillo and Winter

AN ACT relating to weapons; repealing gun-free zones for governmental and legislative meetings; authorizing the carrying of concealed weapons as specified; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0143. Wyoming freedom scholarship act-2.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Steinmetz, Baldwin, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Driskill, Hutchings, Kinskey, Laursen, D and Salazar and Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Davis, Eklund, Haroldson, Heiner, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Lawley, Locke, Neiman, Niemiec, O'Hearn, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Rodriguez-Williams, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Stith, Stroock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Ward, Washut and Winter

AN ACT relating to education; creating the Wyoming Freedom Scholarship Act; authorizing education savings accounts; specifying legal proceedings; creating an account; providing for a transfer of funds to the account; providing for the use and administration of education savings accounts for education; providing powers and duties of the state treasurer; providing rulemaking authority; specifying that a qualified school is not an agent of the state or federal government; establishing an oversight

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committee; making conforming amendments; authorizing a temporary committee as specified; providing an appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

### **Senate File 0145. State budgeting and reserves.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Kinskey and Hicks

AN ACT relating to public funds; repealing accounts and subaccounts as specified; amending appropriations, loan authority, distributions and transfers of funds as specified; amending local government audit withholding requirements; modifying the distribution of revenues as specified; authorizing specified state permanent fund reserve accounts to maintain larger balances; requiring certifications before specified investment activities; providing for the transfer of funds to specified reserve accounts; requiring the repayment of transferred funds as specified; providing that balances in specified reserve accounts are intended to be inviolate; removing encumbrances on specified reserve accounts; repealing a guarantee for the school foundation program account; defining legislative intent for future appropriations and budget requests; providing legislative findings; providing for the transfer from and reversion of funds to the repealed accounts and subaccounts; making conforming amendments; repealing obsolete language; requiring reports; and providing for effective dates.

### **Senate File 0155. Education-teacher resources.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Scott, Biteman, Brennan, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Andrew

AN ACT relating to school finance; restricting expenditure of funds generated by the education resource block grant model for teacher resources as specified; requiring data collection; requiring reporting; requiring a study; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0158. Public employee retirement plan contributions.**

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; removing archaic language; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0162. Grace Smith Medical Freedom Act.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Biteman, Brennan, Hutchings, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Andrew and Jennings

AN ACT relating to education; requiring state and county health officers to grant waivers to immunization requirements for K-12 students upon request; requiring state and county health officers to grant mask mandate waivers for K-12 students upon request; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0165. Mental health telehealth pilot program.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Brennan, Baldwin, Ellis and Rothfuss and Representative(s) Brown

AN ACT relating to education; authorizing the department of education to contract with a telehealth counseling provider to offer services to public school students; requiring reporting; requiring confidentiality; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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### **Senate File 0168. Alternative teaching certificate.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Laursen, D, Ide and Kolb and Representative(s) Clouston

AN ACT relating to certification of teachers; modifying the duties of the professional teaching standards board; creating an alternative teacher certificate for K-12 teachers; establishing requirements for alternative certification; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate File 0175. Hazing.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Rothfuss and Representative(s) Berger, Brown, Chestek and Provenza

AN ACT relating to education; requiring school districts to adopt a policy on hazing in addition to policies on harassment, intimidation or bullying; requiring the University of Wyoming and the community colleges to adopt policies on hazing; and providing for an effective date.

### **Senate Joint Resolution 0001. Amending Wyoming's act of admission for leases and earnings.**

Sponsored by Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to introduce a bill and enact law to amend Wyoming's act of admission to authorize the expenditure of earnings for the support of the common schools in Wyoming and to amend the authority for leasing state school lands.

### **Senate Joint Resolution 0014. School capital construction-constitutional amendment.**

Sponsored by Senator(s) Scott, Biteman, Brennan, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Andrew and Hornok

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