

SENATE FILE NO. SF0061

Education-charter school amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill, Cooper, Ellis, Ide and
Kolb and Representative(s) Andrew, Lawley,
Olsen and Wylie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to charter schools; authorizing charter
2 schools as local education agencies to receive and apply
3 for federal and state grants; modifying payment by school
4 districts to charter schools as specified; repealing
5 designation of charter school authorizers as the local
6 education agency for charter schools; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-315 is created to read:

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13 **21-3-315. Authority to act as a local education**
14 **agency.**

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1 (a) Any charter school approved by a school district
2 to operate under this article may act as a local education
3 agency to apply for, receive and administer a grant through
4 a grant program created by a federal or state statute or
5 program. Any charter school approved by the Wyoming charter
6 school authorizing board to operate under this article
7 shall act as a local education agency to apply for, receive
8 and administer a grant through a grant program created by a
9 federal or state statute or program.

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11 (b) For charter schools authorized to operate as a
12 local education agency under subsection (a) of this
13 section:

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15 (i) The department of education shall treat the
16 charter school as a local education agency and allow it to
17 apply for all federal and state grant moneys for which it
18 may be eligible;

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20 (ii) The charter school shall be responsible for
21 identifying, evaluating and offering programs and services
22 for students with disabilities, as identified under the

1 federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20
2 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., enrolled in the charter school.

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4 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-3-314 by creating a new subsection
5 (g) is amended to read:

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7 **21-3-314. Students counted among district ADM;
8 determination of charter school funding; charter schools
9 designated as local education agency.**

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11 (g) The school district in which a charter school is
12 located and operates shall distribute the amount computed
13 under this section to each charter school in the proportion
14 and schedule of distribution required under W.S.
15 21-13-313(c) or in accordance with an alternative schedule
16 or terms agreed to by the school district and charter
17 school as incorporated in an agreement pursuant to W.S.
18 21-3-314(e).

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20 **Section 3.** W.S. 21-3-302.1(a)(vi) is repealed.

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1 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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