

Wyoming Liberty Index

62nd Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

HB0026, Education-early childhood programs.

Sponsors: Joint Education Interim Committee

Comments

More nanny state. No.

A: This bill contains appropriations totaling \$1,500,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Department of Education. Looks like well-intentioned legislative micromangement. The intentions are good and then it goes downhill from there. This adds significantly to the legal code—it is something more than a law and something less than a regulation. If it is truly necessary, it would be better to list a set of QUANTIFIABLE goals for the Director of Education and provide the money pursuant to the Director of Education creating a set of regulations that the legislature would approve before releasing the funds. Where this truly misses the boat is in building the bureaucracy when it should be decentralizing pre-school down to parents who actually know what their child needs rather than building another government empire-building boondoggle with another idiotic one-size-fits-all program. After all, governmental centralization is always inimical to Liberty. If it is truly needed, it would be better to meet the goals that seem to be implicit in the text using something like a voucher program.

Weighted Rating: -2.00. Unweighted Rating: 1.00.

Categories

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