

# Wyoming Liberty Index

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### **HB0124, Education-content and performance standards.**

Sponsors: Representative(s) Teeters and Senator(s) Coe

#### **Comments**

Makes educational standards subject to the legislature's micromanagement. Great, standards are politicized enough already. Let's throw some gasoline on that fire! The current standards process in Wyoming is badly broken and in need of reform, but this makes a bad situation worse. If you want elected people to review education standards, then make the state board of education elected.

U: The proposed bill will have an indeterminable fiscal impact. This bill "improves" the ability of the legislature to oversee the State Board of Education and its implementation of common core standards. Of course, this translates to centralizing more of the educational system at the state level while increasing the emasculation of the school districts. Governmental centralization is always inimical to Liberty. Since WWII academic performance has declined apace with the increase of centralization in the education system. Our legislators need to take Albert Einstein's comment to heart, "Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results is the very definition of insanity." Perhaps an even better solution would be for voters to accept Einstein's advice whenever they enter a voting booth!

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