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(Wyo.)-Wyo. House Debates Schools Superintendent Bill



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A bill that changes who runs the Wyoming Department of Education faces a second round of floor debate in the state House of Representatives.

Senate File 104 replaces the elected superintendent of public instruction with a director appointed by the governor as head of the education agency. The superintendent will remain an elected state officer and will retain some education duties.

The bill received preliminary approval from the House on Wednesday after nearly two hours of debate. It needs to be approved two more times to clear the House. The measure has already passed the state Senate.

Proponents say the bill would improve delivery of K-12 education and save the state's school reform effort.

Opponents are concerned about increasing the governor's power and diminishing voter influence on education policy.