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(Wyo.)-Day At The State Legislature



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Events on the 16h day of 2013 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature: Tues., Jan. 29:

EDUCATION REFORM: Gov. Matt Mead signed legislation that strips the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction of much of its power. Supt. Cindy Hill immediately served Mead with legal papers that seek to challenge the law.

GUNS: The House Judiciary Committee recommended approval of a bill that would specify that Wyoming would be exempt from any federal gun control measures aimed at assault weapons or high-capacity magazines. The bill now goes to the House. The committee also endorsed bills that would allow citizens with concealed weapons permits to carry guns on the grounds of public schools and colleges in the state. The committee also endorsed a measure that tightens the state prohibition on local governments enacting their own gun control measures. The full House shot down a bill that would have changed state law to allow people to carry concealed handguns at public meetings with permission from the head of the governmental entity holding the meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS: The full House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow searches for University of Wyoming and state community college presidents to be closed to the public.

PHARMACISTS: The House for the second time voted to approve a bill that would allow pharmacists to administer immunizations.

BIBLES: The House gave preliminary approval to a bill that would allow public schools to offer elective classes in biblical studies. Supporters say the courses would focus on the Bible's influence on Western culture but wouldn't be allowed to lapse into proselytizing for any particular religion.