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(Wyo.)-State Bill To Require High School Through 18th Birthday



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A bill requiring students to stay in school until they're 18 or finish their senior year is advancing at the state Capitol.

Senate File 96 won initial approval in the state Senate on Thursday.

Currently, students can decide to drop out once they've turned 16. The bill from Sen. Chris Rothfuss of Laramie takes away that right and makes parents responsible for keeping their children in school.

However, the Wyoming Tribune Eagle reported that the bill would give parents the option of pulling their children out of school before they turn 18.

Sen. John Schiffer of Kaycee opposes the bill. He said students who want to drop out will find a way to do it.

The bill faces two more votes in the Senate before it can advance to the House.