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(Wyo.)-House Passes Bill Allowing Year-Round Classes



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - The state House of Representatives has passed a bill that would allow school districts to try year-round class schedules in hopes that students will better retain what they learn.

The bill passed on a 33-27 vote Tuesday and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

The proposal would give school districts the option of adopting a school year calendar with vacation breaks of no longer than three weeks. Districts would not have to increase the number of overall school days.

Supporters of the bill say shorter breaks would help better prepare Wyoming students for the world economy and note the year-round school calendar would be voluntary.

Opponents question the \$3 million appropriation for the bill and argue the year-round schooling would impede on summer activities and jobs.