

SENATE FILE NO. SF0057

Professional health education-amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to professional health services; amending
2 student repayment requirements as specified; directing
3 disposition of loan repayments into the Medical School
4 Student Fund and imposing fund reporting requirements; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-17-109(d)(ii), (iii) and by
10 creating a new paragraph (iv) and (e) is amended to read:

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12 **21-17-109. Course in field of professional health**
13 **services; authority to offer; contracts with students;**
14 **repayment of funds expended; deposit of repayments.**

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1 (d) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c)
2 of this section, before expending any funds the board of
3 trustees shall obtain an agreement from each student
4 whereby the student agrees to:

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6 (ii) Actively engage in professional practice or
7 other professional pursuits in Wyoming for not to exceed
8 three (3) years as the board requires. The taking of a
9 family practice residency program in the state shall ~~not~~ be
10 ~~substituted in lieu of~~ credited toward the practice
11 requirements at the rate of one-third (1/3) year of
12 practice for each year of service in a family practice
13 residency program in the state; or

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15 (iii) Repay all amounts expended by the state of
16 Wyoming under paragraph (i) of this subsection on the
17 student's education, together with interest which shall
18 begin accruing ~~four (4)~~ after the third year of the
19 student's residency but in no event later than eight (8)
20 years after the student enters into an agreement, upon ~~such~~
21 terms ~~as~~ specified by the board. However, interest shall
22 begin to accrue if the board finds that the student has
23 withdrawn from medical school or a residency program or is
24 otherwise not making satisfactory progress toward

1 completion of the degree or program. Money expended under
2 this subsection shall accrue at an annual interest rate ~~of~~
3 equal to that charged for federal Stafford loans at the
4 time interest begins to accrue, which rate shall be
5 adjusted annually to match the federal Stafford loan rate.
6 In no event shall the interest rate be greater than eight
7 percent (8%) ~~;~~

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9 (iv) Upon recommendation of the president of the
10 university, the board of trustees may relieve a student of
11 the obligation to repay amounts expended under paragraph
12 (i) of this subsection, in whole or in part, where
13 repayment would cause undue hardship. The university shall
14 annually report the number of students relieved from
15 repayment under this paragraph to the joint labor, health
16 and social services interim committee not later than
17 October 1.

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19 (e) Any amounts ~~heretofore~~ paid by medical students
20 in accordance with the contractual arrangements authorized
21 under this section effective July 1, 2005, and thereafter,
22 shall be deposited into a special fund designated the
23 Medical School Student Fund, maintained and separately
24 accounted for by the University of Wyoming, which fund may

1 be added to by specific contributions from other sources.
2 The fund may be invested, at the discretion of the
3 president of the University of Wyoming and the dean of the
4 College of ~~Human Medicine~~ Health Sciences, for the
5 production of income. The investment income ~~may~~ shall be
6 expended by the University of Wyoming for assistance and
7 scholarships to medical students as authorized by the
8 president of the University of Wyoming and the dean of the
9 College of ~~Human Medicine~~ Health Sciences. The principal
10 of the fund established shall remain unimpaired and only
11 the income derived therefrom may be collected and expended
12 from year to year. On or before October 1 of each year,
13 the university shall submit a report to the joint labor,
14 health and social services interim committee on income to
15 the fund and expenditures from fund earnings during the
16 prior fiscal year.

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18 **Section 2.**

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20 (a) The amendments to W.S. 21-17-109(d) (ii) in
21 section 1 of this act do not apply to students who began a
22 family practice residency in this state before July 1,
23 2004.

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1 (b) The amendments to W.S. 21-17-109(d)(iii) in
2 section 1 of this act:

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4 (i) Shall be construed to reduce interest
5 accrued prior to July 1, 2004. The reduction shall be
6 computed by recalculating accrued interest as if the
7 amendments to W.S. 21-17-109(d)(iii) provided in this act
8 were in effect during the period that interest was
9 accruing;

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11 (ii) Shall otherwise apply beginning July 1,
12 2004, to students who have executed an agreement under W.S.
13 21-17-109.

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15 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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