

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; and providing
3 for an effective date.

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

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

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10 **21-17-109. Course in field of professional health**
11 **services; authority to offer; contracts with students;**
12 **repayment of funds expended; deposit of repayments.**

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14 (d) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c)
15 of this section, before expending any funds the board of

1 trustees shall obtain an agreement from each student
2 whereby the student agrees to:

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

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21 withdrawn from medical school or a residency program or is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

1 equal to that charged for federal Stafford loans at the
2 time interest begins to accrue, which rate shall be
3 adjusted annually to match the federal Stafford loan rate.
4 In no event shall the interest rate be greater than eight
5 percent (8%) ~~;~~

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7 (iv) Upon recommendation of the president of the
8 university, the board may relieve a student of the
9 obligation to repay amounts expended under paragraph (i) of
10 this subsection, in whole or in part, where repayment would
11 cause undue hardship.

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13 **Section 2.**

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15 (a) The amendments to W.S. 21-17-109(d)(ii) in
16 section 1 of this act do not apply to students who began a
17 family practice residency in this state before July 1,
18 2004.

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

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1 (i) Do not apply to students for whom the first
2 repayment would otherwise have been required during the
3 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2004;

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5 (ii) Shall be construed to reduce interest
6 accrued prior to July 1, 2004, for students not subject to
7 paragraph (i) of this subsection. The reduction shall be
8 computed by recalculating accrued interest as if the
9 amendments to W.S. 21-17-109(d)(iii) provided in this act
10 were in effect during the period that interest was
11 accruing;

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13 (iii) Shall otherwise apply beginning July 1,
14 2004, to students who have executed an agreement under W.S.
15 21-17-109.

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

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