

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Hathaway scholarship eligibility.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; providing curricula and other
 2 requirements for the Hathaway scholarship program;
 3 providing for implementation; repealing obsolete
 4 provisions; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-4-501(e), 21-16-1303(b)(ii), by
 9 creating a new paragraph (iii) and by renumbering (iii) as
 10 (iv), 21-16-1307 by creating new subsections (b) through
 11 (d) and by amending and renumbering (b) as (e) and
 12 21-16-1308(a)(ii), (b) by creating a new paragraph (vii),
 13 by renumbering (vii) as (viii) and (c)(vi) are amended to
 14 read:

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16 **21-4-501. Payment of tuition for children resident in**
 17 **districts which maintain no high school; admission of**

1 **children to high schools in other districts; state board**
2 **approval for out-of-state placements; duties of admitting**
3 **districts; tuition amount.**

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5 (e) Any out-of-state placement under subsection (a)
6 of this section shall include within the agreement with the
7 out-of-state school district, that district's agreement to
8 provide student transcripts as required under W.S.
9 21-16-1308(a) (ii). The agreement shall also require the
10 out-of-state school district to cooperate with the
11 department of education to identify those courses provided
12 by the out-of-state school district which satisfy the
13 success curriculum requirements established under W.S.
14 21-16-1307.

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16 **21-16-1303. Hathaway scholarship program; eligibility**
17 **requirements.**

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19 (b) Under the Hathaway scholarship program, subject
20 to availability of funds as determined by the legislature,
21 the state shall provide a scholarship pursuant to W.S.
22 21-16-1304 and 21-16-1305 to any student who has been
23 accepted by and enrolls in an eligible institution to

1 pursue a degree or certificate, and who meets the following
2 qualifications:

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4 (ii) The student has successfully completed a
5 curriculum as established under W.S. 21-16-1307 and meets
6 standards for admission to the eligible institution;~~-. Until
7 success curricula requirements are established pursuant to
8 W.S. 21-16-1307, the curriculum requirement of this
9 paragraph for Hathaway scholarship recipients shall be that
10 required for high school graduation under W.S.
11 21-2-304(a)(iii). For first-time students who enroll in an
12 eligible institution in the fall of 2011, and thereafter,
13 curriculum requirements for a scholarship under this
14 article shall be as established pursuant to W.S.
15 21-16-1307; and~~

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17 (iii) Starting with the 2010-2011 graduating
18 class, in order to be eligible for a scholarship under this
19 article, a student shall score at least "proficient" on the
20 11th grade level proficiency assessment for Wyoming
21 students, which may be taken in any of the grades nine (9)
22 through twelve (12); and

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24 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) The student has:

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2 (A) Graduated from an eligible high school
3 or is otherwise eligible under rules promulgated pursuant
4 to W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(iii) and (iv). The department shall
5 by rule and regulation establish exceptions to the
6 requirements of this subparagraph for students who have
7 attended an eligible high school in Wyoming, but who
8 subsequently graduate from a secondary educational
9 institution in another state or a foreign country that is
10 the equivalent of a high school. An exception under this
11 subparagraph shall be granted only if:

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13 (I) The student's custodial parent or
14 lawful guardian is a Wyoming resident at the time of
15 application for a scholarship under this article and was a
16 Wyoming resident during the student's attendance at the
17 eligible high school;

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19 (II) The student's absence from this
20 state was due to the custodial parent's or lawful
21 guardian's employment requirements or was necessitated by
22 other conditions beyond the reasonable control of the
23 parent or guardian; and

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1 (III) Neither the student nor the
2 student's custodial parent or lawful guardian claimed
3 residency in any other state or foreign country for any
4 purpose during the student's high school attendance.

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6 (B) Applied for a scholarship under this
7 article within two (2) years of the date of high school
8 graduation, or is otherwise eligible under rules
9 promulgated pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(iii) and (iv).
10 The department shall by rule and regulation establish
11 exceptions to the requirement of this subparagraph for
12 military service, religious service and other good cause
13 shown; and

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15 (C) The minimum high school cumulative
16 grade point average and minimum composite ACT or cumulative
17 WORKKEYS score specified under this article for the type of
18 scholarship to be awarded.

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20 **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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22 (b) The success curriculum required to qualify for
23 scholarship eligibility under this article for students

1 graduating from high school in the 2010-2011 school year
2 shall be as follows:

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4 (i) Math - four (4) years of math to include
5 those specified in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of this
6 paragraph. Courses which are the functional equivalent of
7 the specified courses, including courses taken before grade
8 nine (9), may be used to satisfy the level of the
9 requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this
10 paragraph:

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12 (A) Algebra I;

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14 (B) Algebra II;

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16 (C) Geometry; and

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18 (D) An additional math course taken in
19 grades nine (9) through twelve (12).

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21 (ii) Language arts - four (4) years of language
22 arts at the college or industry preparatory level in grades
23 nine (9) through twelve (12), to include reading, writing,
24 listening and speaking;

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(iii) Science - four (4) years of science in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) to include at least three (3) years of those courses specified in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of this paragraph and a fourth year from any of those specified in subparagraphs (A) through (H) of this paragraph:

(A) Physics I;

(B) Physics II;

(C) Chemistry I;

(D) Chemistry II;

(E) Biology I;

(F) Biology II;

(G) Geology I;

(H) A rigorous science course meeting requirements established by rule of the department.

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(iv) Social studies - three (3) years of social studies in grades nine (9) through twelve (12). The subject matter covered shall include world history, American history, American government, and economic systems and institutions;

(v) Foreign language - two (2) sequenced years of the same foreign language which need not be taken consecutively, one (1) of which shall be in grades six (6) through twelve (12). A proficiency examination meeting requirements established by rule of the department may meet either or both years of the requirements of this paragraph.

(c) The success curricula required to qualify for scholarship eligibility under this article for students graduating from high school prior to the 2010-2011 school year shall be as follows:

(i) For students graduating in the 2007-2008 school year:

(A) Math - Algebra I;

1 (B) Science - one (1) of the courses
2 specified in subparagraphs (b) (iii) (A) through (G) of this
3 section.

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5 (ii) For students graduating in the 2008-2009
6 school year:

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8 (A) Math:

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10 (I) Algebra I; and

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12 (II) Geometry.

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14 (B) Science - two (2) of the courses
15 specified in subparagraphs (b) (iii) (A) through (G) of this
16 section;

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18 (C) Social studies - a course covering the
19 subject matter of world history.

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21 (iii) For students graduating in the 2009-2010
22 school year:

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24 (A) Math:

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(I) Algebra I;

(II) Geometry; and

(III) Algebra II.

(B) Science - three (3) of the courses specified in subparagraphs (b) (iii) (A) through (G) of this section;

(C) Social studies - courses covering the subject matters of:

(I) World history; and

(II) American history.

(d) The courses set forth as success curricula requirements shall be aligned with the student content and performance standards established pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a) (iii). The department shall by rule and regulation:

1 (i) Provide for each school district to submit,
2 and the department to verify, a list of courses provided in
3 the district which satisfy the success curriculum
4 requirements specified in this section. The rules shall
5 include a process to authorize and verify functional
6 equivalents of courses specified in this section. The
7 verification process shall be completed in sufficient time
8 for students registering for the subsequent school year to
9 be apprised of the courses which meet the success
10 curriculum requirements; and

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12 (ii) Establish exceptions to the success
13 curricula for students attending or graduating from an
14 eligible high school not qualifying as a prototypical high
15 school under Wyoming law.

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17 ~~(b)~~(e) Not later than October 1, 2007, and by October
18 1 in each odd-numbered year thereafter, the department, in
19 consultation with the University of Wyoming, Wyoming
20 community colleges and the community college commission,
21 shall report to the governor and the joint education
22 interim committee of the legislature on recommendations for
23 modifications to the success curricula requirements,
24 minimum cumulative GPA and minimum composite ACT or

1 cumulative WORKKEYS scores contained in this article and
2 recommendations for the adoption of statewide student
3 assessment standards and scores to augment qualifying ACT
4 or WORKKEYS scores, all to ensure that the Hathaway
5 scholarship program is designed to provide the desired
6 incentives for students to pursue a rigorous curriculum and
7 strive to achieve academic success. The cumulative GPA
8 requirements for performance under the success curricula
9 shall not be restricted to those courses comprising the
10 success curricula, but shall be applied comprehensively to
11 all courses included within each scholarship student's high
12 school curricula.

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14 **21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.**

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16 (a) This article shall be administered by the
17 department in accordance with the following:

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19 (ii) Upon request of a student applying to an
20 eligible institution and initially applying for a Hathaway
21 scholarship, each school district shall provide to the
22 eligible institution an official transcript of the
23 student's academic record through the student's most recent
24 semester of attendance. Following graduation and upon the

1 student's request the school district shall also provide to
2 the eligible institution an official transcript of the
3 student's complete academic record. All transcripts
4 provided pursuant to this paragraph shall designate each
5 course which satisfies the success curriculum requirements
6 established under W.S. 21-16-1307;

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8 (b) The department shall, in consultation with
9 University of Wyoming and community college admissions
10 officers and financial aid officers and school districts,
11 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement
12 this article, including:

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14 (vii) Implementing success curricula
15 requirements as authorized by W.S. 21-16-1307;

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17 ~~(vii)~~ (viii) Any other rules and regulations
18 necessary for the implementation and administration of this
19 article.

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21 (c) The department shall establish annual reporting
22 procedures for purposes of policy analysis and program
23 evaluation and providing accurate data to the legislature
24 and governor relative to the program's impact on the state

1 and on students. In developing the annual reporting
2 procedure the department shall consult with the University
3 of Wyoming and community college financial aid officers and
4 registrars or their designees. It is the intention of the
5 legislature that the reporting system and the requirements
6 thereof shall be applicable to all recipients of
7 scholarships under this article. Compliance with this
8 section shall be made a condition of receiving a
9 scholarship under this article. The reporting system shall
10 include the following information:

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12 (vi) An annual report on the number of
13 applicants as well as the percent of high school graduates
14 by high school district who meet the success curriculum
15 requirements, the percent who apply for a scholarship by
16 scholarship category, and the percent of those students who
17 are awarded a scholarship and subsequently enroll in an
18 eligible institution;

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-16-1307(a) is repealed.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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