

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Hathaway scholarship program.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; clarifying provisions
2 regarding students attending multiple institutions under
3 the Hathaway scholarship program; and providing for an
4 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. 21-16-1308(a)(iv), (v) and (c)(intro)
9 is amended to read:

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11 **21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.**

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

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16 (iv) Each eligible institution receiving an
17 application from a student applying for a Hathaway

1 scholarship shall preliminarily determine the student's
2 eligibility for the scholarship. For students initially
3 applying for a scholarship, unless the student's complete
4 academic record is available, the GPA used to preliminarily
5 determine eligibility shall be based upon the student's
6 official high school transcript after either the end of the
7 first semester of a student's senior year or the second
8 semester of a student's junior year, at the sole discretion
9 of the eligible institution. For students graduating prior
10 to their senior year the GPA used to preliminarily
11 determine eligibility shall be based upon the student's
12 official high school transcript as of the end of the
13 semester immediately prior to the last semester before the
14 student's graduation. High school GPAs for final
15 eligibility determinations for students initially applying
16 for a scholarship under this article shall be based upon
17 the student's complete high school academic record. Upon
18 final determination of scholarship eligibility, each
19 community college shall certify to the community college
20 commission not later than thirty (30) days after the
21 semester commences, a list of students enrolled at the
22 institution who qualify for a scholarship under this
23 article, including the amount of each scholarship. The
24 university shall certify to the department within forty-

1 five (45) days after the semester commences a like list for
2 students enrolled at the university. The director of the
3 community college commission shall verify within ten (10)
4 days after receiving all lists from community colleges ~~that~~
5 whether there is ~~no~~-any duplication of students on the
6 community college lists, shall provide the lists to the
7 department and shall certify to the department the amount
8 each college is to receive under this article. Students
9 attending more than one (1) eligible institution shall
10 enter into a consortium agreement with the multiple
11 institutions whereby the student shall designate a home
12 institution to be paid the entire Hathaway scholarship
13 amount for which the student qualifies;

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15 (v) The department shall determine and certify
16 to the state treasurer the amount which is equal to
17 seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount the eligible
18 institution received during the preceding semester under
19 this subsection. Not later than September 1 for the fall
20 semester and not later than January 15 for the spring
21 semester, the state treasurer shall pay from the
22 scholarship expenditure account the amount certified by the
23 department. The department shall review the lists provided
24 under paragraph (iv) of this subsection, determine whether

1 there is ~~no~~any duplication of students, and determine and
2 certify to the state treasurer the balance of the amount
3 due under this article to each institution for the
4 semester. For any duplication, the department shall
5 determine whether the student is attending more than one
6 (1) eligible institution. If the student is attending
7 multiple eligible institutions payment of the Hathaway
8 scholarship for which the student qualifies shall be made
9 only to the institution designated as the home institution
10 by the student. The state treasurer shall pay from the
11 scholarship expenditure account the balance of the amount
12 due. Payments of the balance due under this paragraph
13 shall be made not later than seventy-five (75) days after
14 the institution's semester has commenced. Payments to the
15 university shall be made directly to the university.
16 Payments to the community colleges shall be made directly
17 to each college and be reported by the state treasurer to
18 the community college commission. Should a prepayment
19 under this paragraph exceed the amount actually due the
20 institution for any semester, the excess amount shall be
21 calculated by the department and deducted from the next
22 payment made. For purposes of this subsection, payments
23 due for summer terms shall be included within the
24 calculations and payments for the subsequent fall semester.

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2 (c) The department shall establish annual reporting
3 procedures for purposes of policy analysis and program
4 evaluation and providing accurate data to the legislature
5 and governor relative to the program's impact on the state
6 and on students. In developing the annual reporting
7 procedure the department shall consult with the University
8 of Wyoming and community college financial aid officers and
9 registrars or their designees. It is the intention of the
10 legislature that the reporting system and the requirements
11 thereof shall be applicable to all recipients of
12 scholarships under this article. Compliance with this
13 section shall be made a condition of receiving a
14 scholarship under this article. For any student attending
15 more than one (1) eligible institution, the home
16 institution shall be responsible for data reporting for
17 that student, and any other eligible institution shall
18 cooperate as necessary with the home institution to fulfill
19 that duty. The reporting system shall include the following
20 information:

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1 **Section 2.** 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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