

SENATE FILE NO. SF0133

Community colleges-task force planning study.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Senator(s) Coe and Massie and  
Representative(s) Berger, Hammons, McOmie  
and Simpson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community colleges; establishing a task  
2 force to review, evaluate and develop recommendations on  
3 community college programs and services as specified;  
4 imposing reporting requirements; providing appropriations;  
5 and 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.**

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11 (a) There is created a community college planning  
12 task force to consist of the following:

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14 (i) The chairman of the senate education  
15 committee;

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1           (ii) The chairman of the house education  
2 committee;

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4           (iii) Nine (9) members appointed by the governor  
5 as follows:

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7           (A) Two (2) representatives of community  
8 colleges to reflect academic and vocational missions of the  
9 colleges;

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11           (B) One (1) member representing the  
12 department of workforce services;

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14           (C) One (1) member representing the Wyoming  
15 travel, recreation and tourism industry;

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17           (D) One (1) representative of the Wyoming  
18 oil and gas industry;

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20           (E) One (1) representative of the Wyoming  
21 mining industry;

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23           (F) One (1) representative of the small  
24 business community in Wyoming;

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(G) One (1) representative of the Wyoming health care industry;

(H) One (1) representative of the public.

(b) The task force shall comprehensively review and evaluate the existing community college system and develop recommendations on the most efficient and effective manner in which to provide community college educational and workforce preparation programs and services in Wyoming, including community college structure, governance, revenues, programs, including programs addressing opportunities for post-secondary education re-entry, and the integration of post-secondary programs with public school programs.

(c) Appointments shall be in sufficient time to enable the first meeting of the task force to be held not later than May 1, 2007. At this initial meeting, the task force shall select a chair and vice-chair from among its membership. Thereafter, task force meetings shall be scheduled upon the call of the chair.

1           (d) The task force may retain consultants as  
2 necessary to fulfill its duties under this act. The  
3 governor's office shall staff the task force and state  
4 agencies shall provide information to the task force as  
5 requested in order to fulfill its duties.

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7           (e) Legislative members of the task force shall  
8 receive compensation, per diem and travel expenses in the  
9 manner and amount as prescribed by W.S. 28-5-101.  
10 Remaining task force members who are not state employees  
11 shall receive the per diem and mileage paid members of the  
12 Wyoming legislature under W.S. 28-5-101 for each day of  
13 actual task force meetings and travel to those meetings.

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15           (f) The task force shall report its findings and  
16 recommendations to the governor, the joint appropriations  
17 interim committee and the joint education interim committee  
18 by June 1, 2008. The joint education interim committee  
19 shall forward any legislation necessary to implement task  
20 force recommendations to the 2009 legislature.

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22           (g) This section is repealed March 31, 2009.

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24           **Section 2.**

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2           (a) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars  
3 (\$125,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
4 governor for the period commencing on the effective date of  
5 this act and ending March 31, 2009, as necessary to fund  
6 the community college planning task force in carrying out  
7 its duties under this act.

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9           (b) For the period beginning on the effective date of  
10 this act and ending March 31, 2009, ten thousand dollars  
11 (\$10,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
12 legislative service office to fund the expenses of the  
13 state legislative members of the task force to complete the  
14 duties assigned to the task force.

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

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