

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0017

Community college commission-duties.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community colleges; clarifying and
 2 imposing additional duties on the community college
 3 commission; granting rulemaking authority; requiring
 4 collaboration with the department of education for
 5 postsecondary education options agreements; providing an
 6 appropriation; authorizing an additional position; and
 7 providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1104(j), 21-18-202(b) by
 12 creating new paragraphs (vi) and (vii), (c) by creating a
 13 new paragraph (viii), (d) by creating a new paragraph (ii)
 14 and by renumbering (ii) through (iv) as (iii) through (v),
 15 (e)(ii) and (v)(A) and 21-20-201(a) are amended to read:

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1 **21-16-1104. Endowment challenge fund matching**
2 **program; matching payments; agreements with foundations;**
3 **annual reports.**

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5 (j) Each community college shall on or before October
6 1 of each year submit a report from its foundation to the
7 state treasurer ~~from its foundation~~ and the community
8 college commission on the endowment matching program under
9 this section for the preceding fiscal year. The report
10 shall include a financial summary and a review of the
11 accomplishments resulting from endowment program
12 expenditures. The report required under this subsection
13 shall be for each applicable fiscal year through June 30,
14 2011.

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16 **21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.**

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18 (b) The commission shall perform the following
19 coordination functions. In performing these coordination
20 functions all affected colleges and the commission shall be
21 involved:

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23 (vi) In addition to paragraph (iv) of this
24 subsection and for any program requested by the board of

1 county commissioners representing a community within the
2 existing service area of any community college and that
3 college has determined not to provide the requested program
4 within the community, coordinate a response to the
5 requesting board. Any community college shall refer the
6 requested community program to the commission if it cannot
7 provide the requested program. Upon referral, the
8 commission shall provide a response under this paragraph;

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10 (vii) Coordinate the development of a biennial
11 statewide college system strategic plan for the delivery of
12 educational programs in Wyoming including the development
13 of core indicators in addition to or in lieu of those
14 specified under subparagraph (e)(v)(C) of this section to
15 serve as a basis for annual reports to the legislature and
16 governor under paragraph (e)(v) of this section.

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18 (c) The commission shall perform the following
19 administrative functions:

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21 (viii) Following public hearing, review and
22 modify or maintain community college service areas provided
23 all counties to be annexed to a college service area are
24 contiguous to that service area. Determinations made under

1 this paragraph shall be subject to review in accordance
2 with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.

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4 (d) The commission shall perform the following
5 approval functions:

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7 (ii) Review existing certificate and degree
8 programs and terminate those programs with consistent low
9 enrollment;

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11 ~~(ii)~~ (iii) Approve enlargement and formation of
12 community college districts in accordance with W.S.
13 21-18-310 and 21-18-312;

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15 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) Approve the format of community
16 college budgets as provided in W.S. 16-4-104;

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18 ~~(iv)~~ (v) Approve all new capital construction
19 projects in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)
20 for which state funds are or could be eventually applied.

21 "New capital construction projects" include:

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23 (A) New construction, renovation and
24 capital renewal in excess of fifty thousand dollars

1 (\$50,000.00) market value which is not necessary
2 maintenance or repair; and

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4 (B) The acquisition of real property in
5 excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) market value
6 whether by purchase or exchange.

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8 (e) The commission shall perform the following review
9 and report functions:

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11 (ii) ~~Report~~ In addition to audits required of
12 colleges under W.S. 16-4-121 and to ensure uniformity of
13 audit procedures and reporting formats, conduct financial
14 and enrollment audits and report audit findings to the
15 legislature and governor. In carrying out this paragraph
16 and maintaining the funding allocation model under
17 paragraph (c)(i) of this section:

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19 (A) The commission shall insure uniform
20 accounting in recording full-time equivalent students and
21 reporting financial data;

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23 (B) Each community college shall report
24 information to the commission in a uniform, consistent and

1 accurate manner as required by commission rule and
 2 regulation.

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4 (v) (A) The commission shall provide annual
 5 reports ~~specifically requested and defined by~~ to the
 6 legislature ~~or~~ and governor on the ~~performances~~ performance
 7 of individual community colleges and the ~~combined colleges~~
 8 college system as well as on the achievement of ~~any~~
 9 statewide priorities as defined by the legislature and as
 10 specified in the statewide college system strategic plan.

11 The commission and the colleges shall work together in a
 12 collaborative effort in defining the report formats and the
 13 methodology and data elements required in preparing ~~each of~~
 14 the reports and a reasonable time line for completion of
 15 reports;

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17 **21-20-201. Agreement between districts and**
 18 **postsecondary education institutions authorized; student**
 19 **participation; credits; financial arrangements;**
 20 **transportation; accessibility.**

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22 (a) A Wyoming school district board of trustees and a
 23 Wyoming community college district board of trustees or the
 24 University of Wyoming may enter into an agreement to

1 establish a postsecondary education enrollment options
2 program whereby students resident of the participating
3 district may attend postsecondary education programs
4 offered by the university or a participating community
5 college. Additional student eligibility requirements for
6 program participation shall be based upon criteria
7 established by the university or the community college in
8 collaboration with the department of education, which
9 address the high school grade level, uniform prior
10 curricula requirements, academic achievement levels and
11 national examination performance indicators.

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13 **Section 2.** For the 2009-2010 biennium commencing July
14 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2010, two hundred fifty
15 thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) is appropriated from the
16 general fund to the Wyoming community college commission to
17 carry out this act. Of this amount, the commission shall
18 fund and is authorized one (1) additional full-time
19 position.

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21 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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