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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Hathaway student scholarship program administration.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway student scholarship
2 program; appropriating funds for the administration and
3 implementation of specified scholarship program
4 administrative components and reporting functions; imposing
5 reporting requirements on the use of appropriated funds;
6 and providing for effective dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) For the period commencing on the effective date
13 of this section and ending June 30, 2010, one hundred
14 thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is appropriated from the

1 public school foundation program account to the state
2 superintendent to continue the task force established
3 pursuant to 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 95, Section
4 1001, for purposes of reviewing and evaluating the addition
5 of sign language as fulfillment of foreign language
6 requirements under the Hathaway student scholarship program
7 prescribed by W.S. 21-16-1307. The amount appropriated
8 under this subsection shall be expended by the state
9 superintendent through the department of education for:

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11 (i) Establishing cooperative partnerships with
12 appropriate post-secondary education institutions to
13 develop course requirements for instructor certification in
14 American sign language as a second language;

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16 (ii) Developing an assessment instrument to
17 determine proficiency standards for both highly qualified
18 instructors and secondary education students;

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20 (iii) Determining necessary procedures for
21 providing Hathaway student scholarship program access to
22 transfer students with successful completion of American
23 sign language coursework.

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2 (b) The state superintendent shall report final
3 recommendations and proposed requirements for including
4 American sign language as a foreign language component of
5 the success curriculum to the joint education interim
6 committee on or before October 1, 2009.

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8 **Section 2.**

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10 (a) One hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars
11 (\$157,000.00) is appropriated from the public school
12 foundation program account to the department of education
13 to establish a transcript data center within the department
14 providing a common course coding capability between
15 secondary schools. The transcript center will enable the
16 department to provide required statistical studies and
17 information to the legislature in accordance with W.S.
18 21-16-1308(c)(vii) and (viii), describing relationships
19 between student high school coursework and subsequent
20 student performance on required college entrance
21 assessments and in enrolled post-secondary programs.

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1 (b) The amount appropriated under subsection (a) of
2 this section shall be for the period beginning on the
3 effective date of this section and ending on June 30, 2009,
4 and shall be expended for necessary data software to enable
5 automation of the course matching process between schools.

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7 (c) Not later than October 1, 2009, the department
8 shall report to the joint education interim committee on
9 the expenditure of funds appropriated under this section
10 and on the status of the transcript data center.

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12 **Section 3.**

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14 (a) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is
15 appropriated from the public school foundation program
16 account to the department of education for implementation
17 of the one (1) week unit of eighth grade instruction
18 regarding preparation for post-secondary work as required
19 under W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(i)(C). The appropriation is for
20 the period commencing on the effective date of this section
21 and ending June 30, 2009, and shall be expended as follows:

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1 (i) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for
2 professional development programs targeted for school
3 district counselors providing counseling services under the
4 unit of instruction program and to students enrolled in
5 grades eight (8) through twelve (12) pursuant to W.S.
6 21-16-1308(b)(i)(D);

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8 (ii) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for
9 student career assessments prescribed under W.S.
10 21-16-1308(b)(i)(C) in developing curriculum necessary for
11 success in post-secondary education programs and meeting
12 standardized test requirements for scholarships available
13 for post-secondary education.

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15 (b) The department shall report on the use of
16 funds appropriated under this section to the joint
17 education interim committee by October 1, 2009.

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19 **Section 4.**

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21 (a) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) is
22 appropriated from the public school foundation program
23 account to the state superintendent for expansion of

1 participation in the WORKKEYS job skills assessment to
2 Wyoming high school students interested in attaining
3 certification in career readiness as offered through the
4 department of workforce services. This appropriation is
5 for the period beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,
6 2010, and shall apply to test administration in the
7 2009-2010 school year. This appropriation shall be
8 expended for contractual services necessary to provide for
9 the assessment opportunity required under this section.

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11 (b) In sufficient time to enable expanded assessment
12 administration pursuant to this section during the
13 2009-2010 school year, the state superintendent in
14 cooperation with the department of workforce services shall
15 provide notice to school districts of the expanded
16 assessment opportunity provided under this section together
17 with the requirements and availability of career readiness
18 certification upon successful completion of the WORKKEYS
19 assessment.

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21 (c) On or before October 1, 2009, the state
22 superintendent and the department of workforce services
23 shall report to the joint education interim committee on

1 the expansion of the WORKKEYS assessment administration
2 pursuant to this section, on the attainment of career
3 readiness certification and on recommendations for
4 continuation of expanded assessment opportunities.

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6 **Section 5.**

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8 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this
9 section, this act is effective immediately upon completion
10 of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided
11 by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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13 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
14 section 4 of this act is effective July 1, 2009.

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