

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0204

Common college transcript-implementation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Northrup, Brown, Freeman and
Harshman and Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Coe,
Ellis and Wasserburger

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community colleges and the University of
2 Wyoming; establishing requirements for the community college
3 commission's common college transcript system; authorizing an
4 at-will position; providing appropriations; and providing for
5 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.** W.S. 21-18-202(a)(vi) is amended to read:

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11 **21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.**

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13 (a) The commission shall perform the following general
14 functions:

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1 (vi) Develop and maintain a common transcript
2 system that uses common course numbering for all courses
3 provided at the community colleges ~~or~~ and the University of
4 Wyoming. ~~The system shall facilitate program planning and the~~
5 ~~transfer of students and course credits between the community~~
6 ~~colleges and the University of Wyoming.~~ The development and
7 ongoing maintenance of the statewide course numbering system,
8 including determining course equivalencies, shall be
9 accomplished with the assistance of appropriate committees
10 that shall include faculty members and staff of the community
11 colleges and the University of Wyoming. The system shall:

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13 (A) Facilitate program planning and the
14 transfer of students and course credits between the community
15 colleges and the University of Wyoming;

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17 (B) Offer functionality to transmit
18 transcript information between the community colleges and the
19 University of Wyoming;

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21 (C) Extend to the community college
22 commission, the Wyoming department of education, the
23 department of workforce services and the University of

1 Wyoming a statewide longitudinal education data system, which
2 shall serve as a statewide exchange for management and
3 analytical reporting in support of education and workforce
4 outcomes;

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6 (D) Use a common transcript vendor;

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8 (E) Use electronic course catalog software to
9 ensure a consistent experience for students between the
10 community colleges and the University of Wyoming. Each
11 community college and the University of Wyoming may use
12 different course catalog software. The software shall provide
13 a search function for educational programs;

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15 (F) Use course transfer software to support
16 both in-state and out-of-state transfer students. The
17 software shall be common across each community college and
18 the University of Wyoming and shall provide a common database
19 that provides identification and reconciliation of
20 differences in curricula elements of courses with the same
21 course number;

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1 (G) Use curriculum process management
2 software to facilitate and ensure consistency in curricula
3 development and streamline the transfer process between a
4 Wyoming community college and the University of Wyoming. The
5 software shall ensure that a student who completes the
6 requirements for an associate degree after transfer to the
7 University of Wyoming or other university is awarded the
8 earned degree;

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10 (H) Result in internal college or university
11 planning and student program planning with required automated
12 transfer among the community colleges and the University of
13 Wyoming. The automated transfer shall allow automatic
14 transcription of course credits among the community colleges
15 and the University of Wyoming for those credits earned through
16 the common course catalog system and within programs with
17 articulation agreements between the community colleges and
18 the University of Wyoming.

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20 **Section 2.**

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22 (a) Four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$470,000.00)
23 is appropriated from the general fund to the community college

1 commission for one (1) at-will contract employee and for
2 contract services necessary to implement this act. The
3 appropriation made under this subsection is for the period
4 beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.
5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, these funds shall
6 not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
7 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
8 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
9 2020.

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11 (b) There is appropriated two hundred forty-five
12 thousand dollars (\$245,000.00) from the general fund to the
13 community college commission for one (1) at-will contract
14 employee and for contract services necessary to implement
15 this act. The appropriation made under this subsection is for
16 the period from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Notwithstanding
17 any other provision of law, these funds shall not be
18 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
19 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
20 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
21 2021.

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1 (c) Eight hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars
2 (\$837,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
3 community college commission. Of this appropriation, two
4 hundred two thousand dollars (\$202,000.00) is appropriated
5 for transcript consumption licensing, installation and
6 training required to implement this act and six hundred
7 thirty-five thousand dollars (\$635,000.00) is appropriated
8 for purposes of procuring electronic course catalog software
9 and curriculum process management software. Appropriations
10 made under this subsection are for the period from the
11 effective date of this act to June 30, 2022. Notwithstanding
12 any other provision of law, these funds shall not be
13 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
14 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
15 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
16 2022.

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18 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
19 community college commission shall include in its exception
20 budget request for the biennial budget period commencing July
21 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022 additional appropriations
22 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

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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 as
3 provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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