

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0231

College credit retention.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) MacGuire, Burkhart,
Harshman, Newsome, Paxton and Sweeney and
Senator(s) Kinskey and Pappas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to post-secondary education; creating
2 provisions governing how previously completed coursework
3 may be used to earn a post-secondary degree or certificate;
4 authorizing a student petition process; 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. 21-16-1701 is created to read:

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COLLEGE CREDIT RETENTION

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14 **21-16-1701. Presumption relating to previously taken**
15 **courses; hearing.**

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2 Any university or college receiving funding from the state
3 of Wyoming shall presume in perpetuity that any college
4 level credit hour previously completed with an acceptable
5 grade in a Wyoming university or college shall remain valid
6 and transferrable to any degree program. The university or
7 college may, on a case-by-case basis, decline to accept the
8 presumed credit hour when the previously completed course
9 does not provide the necessary knowledge and skills for the
10 course as administered when the student seeks to apply the
11 credit. The university or college shall reduce to writing
12 and provide to the student the reasons the student's course
13 credit is not accepted. The student may challenge the
14 decision not to accept the credit at a hearing before the
15 board of trustees, or its designee, where the student shall
16 have the burden to show the previously completed course
17 provides the necessary knowledge and skills for the course
18 for which the student seeks to apply the credit. If the
19 student makes a sufficient showing, the completed course
20 shall satisfy the program requirement for which the student
21 seeks to apply the credit. The Wyoming Administrative
22 Procedure Act shall not apply to the hearing. The board of
23 trustees of the university and each college shall establish

1 and implement a policy and process in accordance with this
2 section.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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