

WORKING DRAFT

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Hathaway scholarship program.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; clarifying provisions
2 regarding students attending multiple institutions under
3 the Hathaway scholarship program; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1308(a)(iv) and (v) and (c) is
9 amended to read:

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11 **21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.**

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13 (a) This article shall be administered by the
14 department in accordance with the following:

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1 (iv) Each eligible institution receiving an
2 application from a student applying for a Hathaway
3 scholarship shall preliminarily determine the student's
4 eligibility for the scholarship. For students initially
5 applying for a scholarship, unless the student's complete
6 academic record is available, the GPA used to preliminarily
7 determine eligibility shall be based upon the student's
8 official high school transcript after either the end of the
9 first semester of a student's senior year or the second
10 semester of a student's junior year, at the sole discretion
11 of the eligible institution. For students graduating prior
12 to their senior year the GPA used to preliminarily
13 determine eligibility shall be based upon the student's
14 official high school transcript as of the end of the
15 semester immediately prior to the last semester before the
16 student's graduation. High school GPAs for final
17 eligibility determinations for students initially applying
18 for a scholarship under this article shall be based upon
19 the student's complete high school academic record. Upon
20 final determination of scholarship eligibility, each
21 community college shall certify to the community college
22 commission not later than thirty (30) days after the
23 semester commences, a list of students enrolled at the
24 institution who qualify for a scholarship under this

1 article, including the amount of each scholarship. The
2 university shall certify to the department within forty-
3 five (45) days after the semester commences a like list for
4 students enrolled at the university. The director of the
5 community college commission shall verify within ten (10)
6 days after receiving all lists from community colleges ~~that~~
7 whether there is ~~no~~ any duplication of students on the
8 community college lists, shall provide the lists to the
9 department and shall certify to the department the amount
10 each college is to receive under this article. Students
11 attending more than one (1) eligible institution shall
12 enter into a consortium agreement with the multiple
13 institutions whereby the student shall designate a home
14 institution to be paid the entire Hathaway scholarship
15 amount for which the student qualifies;

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17 (v) The department shall determine and certify to the
18 state treasurer the amount which is equal to seventy-five
19 percent (75%) of the total amount the eligible institution
20 received during the preceding semester under this
21 subsection. Not later than September 1 for the fall
22 semester and not later than January 15 for the spring
23 semester, the state treasurer shall pay from the
24 scholarship expenditure account the amount certified by the

1 department. The department shall review the lists provided
2 under paragraph (iv) of this subsection, determine whether
3 there is ~~no~~any duplication of students, and determine and
4 certify to the state treasurer the balance of the amount
5 due under this article to each institution for the
6 semester. For any duplication, the department shall
7 determine whether the student is attending more than one
8 (1) eligible institution. If the student is attending
9 multiple eligible institutions payment of the Hathaway
10 scholarship for which the student qualifies shall be made
11 only to the institution designated as the home institution
12 by the student. The state treasurer shall pay from the
13 scholarship expenditure account the balance of the amount
14 due. Payments of the balance due under this paragraph
15 shall be made not later than seventy-five (75) days after
16 the institution's semester has commenced. Payments to the
17 university shall be made directly to the university.
18 Payments to the community colleges shall be made directly
19 to each college and be reported by the state treasurer to
20 the community college commission. Should a prepayment
21 under this paragraph exceed the amount actually due the
22 institution for any semester, the excess amount shall be
23 calculated by the department and deducted from the next
24 payment made. For purposes of this subsection, payments

1 due for summer terms shall be included within the
2 calculations and payments for the subsequent fall semester.

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4 (c) The department shall establish annual reporting
5 procedures for purposes of policy analysis and program
6 evaluation and providing accurate data to the legislature
7 and governor relative to the program's impact on the state
8 and on students. In developing the annual reporting
9 procedure the department shall consult with the University
10 of Wyoming and community college financial aid officers and
11 registrars or their designees. It is the intention of the
12 legislature that the reporting system and the requirements
13 thereof shall be applicable to all recipients of
14 scholarships under this article. Compliance with this
15 section shall be made a condition of receiving a
16 scholarship under this article. For any student attending
17 more than one (1) eligible institution, the home
18 institution shall be responsible for data reporting for
19 that student, and any other eligible institution shall
20 cooperate as necessary with the home institution to fulfill
21 that duty. The reporting system shall include the following
22 information:

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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