

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0173

Teacher shortage loan repayment program.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) McKim, Craft, Jaggi and  
Lubnau and Senator(s) Decaria, Dockstader  
and Von Flatern

## A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming teacher shortage loan  
2 repayment program; expanding loan program to specified  
3 additional teaching endorsements; excluding federal  
4 financial assistance as loan eligibility requirement for  
5 specified programs; specifying loan amount; and providing  
6 for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-7-601(b)(i) through (iii), (c)  
11 through (e) and (j) by creating a new paragraph (iv) is  
12 amended to read:

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14 **21-7-601. Wyoming teacher shortage loan repayment**  
15 **program; eligibility criteria; procedures; program**  
16 **reporting.**

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2 (b) To qualify for a loan under this section, the  
3 applicant shall first:

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5 (i) Be enrolled in good standing in a teacher  
6 education program at the University of Wyoming leading to:

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8 (A) Certification as a special education,  
9 math, science or foreign language teacher; or

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11 (B) Eligibility for an additional  
12 endorsement to teach reading or English as a second  
13 language.

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15 (ii) If in a program leading to certification  
16 under subparagraph (i)(A) under this subsection, have class  
17 standing of at least a junior for the first semester for  
18 which application for a loan under this program is made;

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20 (iii) If in a program leading to certification  
21 under subparagraph (i)(A) of this subsection, apply for  
22 federal financial assistance.

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1 (c) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated  
2 for this program, loans under this section may be granted  
3 to qualified applicants to pay:

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5 (i) The unmet financial need, as determined by  
6 the Wyoming community college commission, of attendance at  
7 the teacher education program specified under ~~paragraph~~  
8 ~~(b)(i)~~ subparagraph (b)(i)(A) of this section; or

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10 (ii) The cost of attendance at the teacher  
11 education program specified under subparagraph (b)(i)(B) of  
12 this section.

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14 (d) Except for a loan for teacher education programs  
15 specified under subparagraph (b)(i)(B) of this section, a  
16 loan provided under this section shall not exceed the cost  
17 of attendance for the approved program, reduced by the  
18 amount of any Pell or other federal grant and any employer  
19 based financial assistance received by the applicant.

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21 (e) A recipient of a loan under this section may  
22 repay the loan without cash payment by teaching at least  
23 fifty percent (50%) of his working hours as a teacher in  
24 special education, math, science, or ~~or~~ foreign language.

1 reading or English as a second language as a certified  
2 teacher in a Wyoming public school as provided in  
3 subsection (f) of this section. To qualify as repayment  
4 under this subsection, work shall be performed within the  
5 minimum amount of time necessary to repay the loan, plus  
6 two (2) years, which shall begin with the calendar month  
7 following the month in which the student completed the  
8 academic program.

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10 (j) The Wyoming community college commission shall  
11 have the powers and duties specified under W.S.  
12 21-18-202(c) to implement this section and shall establish  
13 terms and conditions of loans issued under this section,  
14 including:

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16 (iv) Criteria for determining the cost of  
17 attendance as used in establishing the loan amount for  
18 teacher education programs specified under paragraph  
19 (b)(i)(B) of this section, based upon each semester or  
20 summer school session of full or part-time program  
21 attendance.

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1       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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3 (END)