

ENROLLED ACT NO. 63, SENATE

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AN ACT relating to the Hathaway student scholarship program; authorizing extension of community college attendance under specified scholarships; specifying application; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-16-1304(b) and by creating a new subsection (g) is amended to read:

21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and honor scholarships.

(b) Scholarships under this section shall be for a maximum of the equivalent of eight (8) full-time semesters. Except as specified under subsection (g) of this section, a scholarship under this section shall be available for attendance at a Wyoming community college for not more than a maximum of the equivalent of four (4) full-time semesters.

(g) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, a scholarship received under this section for attendance at a Wyoming community college for four (4) full-time semesters may be extended for continued attendance at a Wyoming community college by a student who otherwise remains eligible for that scholarship under this article, and that student has earned a certificate or degree from a Wyoming community college or has otherwise successfully completed sufficient courses for eligibility to enroll in courses within a program offered by a Wyoming community college which leads to a professional degree. A scholarship extended under this subsection shall not exceed the maximum equivalent of eight (8) full-time semesters when combined

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with the four (4) full-time semesters of initial community college attendance under the scholarship and shall not support enrollment in coursework at an institution other than a Wyoming community college or the University of Wyoming.

Section 2. Any student receiving an opportunity, performance or honor scholarship whose initial year of eligibility as determined under W.S. 21-16-1303(d) occurred prior to the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year shall, for the 2011-2012 academic year and each academic year thereafter for which the student maintains scholarship eligibility under W.S. 21-16-1301 through 21-16-1310, be entitled to extend community college attendance under his scholarship in accordance with this act.

Section 3.

(a) On or before November 1, 2011, the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming community college commission, in consultation with each Wyoming community college, shall report to the joint education interim committee and to the joint appropriations interim committee on the following with respect to students awarded Hathaway scholarships:

(i) Standardization of remediation requirements for Wyoming high school graduates awarded a Hathaway student scholarship and enrolling in the university or a community college;

(ii) Recommendations for improving student completion data, both for degrees and certificates, including comparisons between Hathaway scholarship recipients and the general student population, and improvement targets for all student completion and retention rates;

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(iii) Description of support services available to students requiring remediation, together with data on program effectiveness, and recommendations for improvement.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2011.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk