

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0097

Hathaway scholarship eligibility.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

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for

1 AN ACT relating to education; providing curricula and other
2 requirements for the Hathaway scholarship program;
3 providing for implementation; repealing obsolete
4 provisions; and providing for an 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. 21-4-501(e), 21-16-1303(b)(ii), by
9 creating a new paragraph (iii) and by renumbering (iii) as
10 (iv), 21-16-1307 by creating new subsections (b) through
11 (d) and by amending and renumbering (b) as (e) and
12 21-16-1308(a)(ii), (b) by creating a new paragraph (vii),
13 by renumbering (vii) as (viii) and (c)(vi) are amended to
14 read:

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16 **21-4-501. Payment of tuition for children resident in**
17 **districts which maintain no high school; admission of**

1 **children to high schools in other districts; state board**
2 **approval for out-of-state placements; duties of admitting**
3 **districts; tuition amount.**

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5 (e) Any out-of-state placement under subsection (a)
6 of this section shall include within the agreement with the
7 out-of-state school district, that district's agreement to
8 provide student transcripts as required under W.S.
9 21-16-1308(a)(ii). The agreement shall also require the
10 out-of-state school district to cooperate with the
11 department of education to identify those courses provided
12 by the out-of-state school district which satisfy the
13 success curriculum requirements established under W.S.
14 21-16-1307.

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16 **21-16-1303. Hathaway scholarship program; eligibility**
17 **requirements.**

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19 (b) Under the Hathaway scholarship program, subject
20 to availability of funds as determined by the legislature,
21 the state shall provide a scholarship pursuant to W.S.
22 21-16-1304 and 21-16-1305 to any student who has been
23 accepted by and enrolls in an eligible institution to

1 pursue a degree or certificate, and who meets the following
2 qualifications:

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4 (ii) The student has successfully completed a
5 curriculum as established under W.S. 21-16-1307 and meets
6 standards for admission to the eligible institution; ~~Until~~
7 ~~success curricula requirements are established pursuant to~~
8 ~~W.S. 21-16-1307, the curriculum requirement of this~~
9 ~~paragraph for Hathaway scholarship recipients shall be that~~
10 ~~required for high school graduation under W.S.~~
11 ~~21-2-304(a)(iii). For first time students who enroll in an~~
12 ~~eligible institution in the fall of 2011, and thereafter,~~
13 ~~curriculum requirements for a scholarship under this~~
14 ~~article shall be as established pursuant to W.S.~~
15 ~~21-16-1307; and~~

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17 (iii) Starting with the 2010-2011 graduating
18 class, in order to be eligible for a scholarship under this
19 article, a student shall score at least "proficient" on the
20 11th grade level proficiency assessment for Wyoming
21 students, which may be taken in any of the grades nine (9)
22 through twelve (12); and

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24 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) The student has:

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(A) Graduated from an eligible high school or is otherwise eligible under rules promulgated pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(iii) and (iv). The department shall by rule and regulation establish exceptions to the requirements of this subparagraph for students who have attended an eligible high school in Wyoming, but who subsequently graduate from a secondary educational institution in another state or a foreign country that is the equivalent of a high school. An exception under this subparagraph shall be granted only if:

(I) The student's custodial parent or lawful guardian is a Wyoming resident at the time of application for a scholarship under this article and was a Wyoming resident during the student's attendance at the eligible high school;

(II) The student's absence from this state was due to the custodial parent's or lawful guardian's employment requirements or was necessitated by other conditions beyond the reasonable control of the parent or guardian; and

1 (III) Neither the student nor the
2 student's custodial parent or lawful guardian claimed
3 residency in any other state or foreign country for any
4 purpose during the student's high school attendance.

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6 (B) Applied for a scholarship under this
7 article within two (2) years of the date of high school
8 graduation, or is otherwise eligible under rules
9 promulgated pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(iii) and (iv).
10 The department shall by rule and regulation establish
11 exceptions to the requirement of this subparagraph for
12 military service, religious service and other good cause
13 shown; and

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15 (C) The minimum high school cumulative
16 grade point average and minimum composite ACT or cumulative
17 WORKKEYS score specified under this article for the type of
18 scholarship to be awarded.

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20 **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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22 (b) The success curriculum required to qualify for
23 scholarship eligibility under this article for students

1 graduating from high school in the 2010-2011 school year
2 shall be as follows:

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4 (i) Math - four (4) years of math to include
5 those specified in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of this
6 paragraph. Courses which are the functional equivalent of
7 the specified courses, including courses taken before grade
8 nine (9), may be used to satisfy the level of the
9 requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this
10 paragraph:

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12 (A) Algebra I;

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14 (B) Algebra II;

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16 (C) Geometry; and

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18 (D) An additional math course taken in
19 grades nine (9) through twelve (12).

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21 (ii) Language arts - four (4) years of language
22 arts at the college or industry preparatory level in grades
23 nine (9) through twelve (12), to include reading, writing,
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(iii) Science - four (4) years of science in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) to include at least three (3) years of those courses specified in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of this paragraph and a fourth year from any of those specified in subparagraphs (A) through (H) of this paragraph:

(A) Physics I;

(B) Physics II;

(C) Chemistry I;

(D) Chemistry II;

(E) Biology I;

(F) Biology II;

(G) Geology I;

(H) A rigorous science course meeting requirements established by rule of the department.

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(iv) Social studies - three (3) years of social studies in grades nine (9) through twelve (12). The subject matter covered shall include world history, American history, American government, and economic systems and institutions.

(c) The success curricula required to qualify for scholarship eligibility under this article for students graduating from high school prior to the 2010-2011 school year shall be as follows:

(i) For students graduating in the 2007-2008 school year:

(A) Math - Algebra I;

(B) Science - one (1) of the courses specified in subparagraphs (b)(iii)(A) through (G) of this section.

(ii) For students graduating in the 2008-2009 school year:

1 (A) Math:

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3 (I) Algebra I and either:

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5 (1) Geometry; or

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7 (2) Algebra II.

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9 (B) Science - two (2) of the courses
10 specified in subparagraphs (b)(iii)(A) through (G) of this
11 section;

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13 (C) Social studies - a course covering the
14 subject matter of world history.

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16 (iii) For students graduating in the 2009-2010
17 school year:

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19 (A) Math:

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21 (I) Algebra I;

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23 (II) Geometry; and

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1 (III) Algebra II.

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3 (B) Science - three (3) of the courses
4 specified in subparagraphs (b)(iii)(A) through (G) of this
5 section;

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7 (C) Social studies - courses covering the
8 subject matters of:

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10 (I) World history; and

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12 (II) American history.

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14 (d) The courses set forth as success curricula
15 requirements shall be aligned with the student content and
16 performance standards established pursuant to W.S.
17 21-2-304(a)(iii). The department shall by rule and
18 regulation:

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20 (i) Provide for each school district to submit,
21 and the department to verify, a list of courses provided in
22 the district which satisfy the success curriculum
23 requirements specified in this section. The rules shall
24 include a process to authorize and verify functional

1 equivalents of courses specified in this section. The
2 verification process shall be completed in sufficient time
3 for students registering for the subsequent school year to
4 be apprised of the courses which meet the success
5 curriculum requirements; and

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7 (ii) Establish exceptions to the success
8 curricula for students attending or graduating from an
9 eligible high school not qualifying as a prototypical high
10 school under Wyoming law.

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12 ~~(b)~~(e) Not later than October 1, 2007, and by October
13 1 in each odd-numbered year thereafter, the department, in
14 consultation with the University of Wyoming, Wyoming
15 community colleges and the community college commission,
16 shall report to the governor and the joint education
17 interim committee of the legislature on recommendations for
18 modifications to the success curricula requirements,
19 minimum cumulative GPA and minimum composite ACT or
20 cumulative WORKKEYS scores contained in this article and
21 recommendations for the adoption of statewide student
22 assessment standards and scores to augment qualifying ACT
23 or WORKKEYS scores, all to ensure that the Hathaway
24 scholarship program is designed to provide the desired

1 incentives for students to pursue a rigorous curriculum and
2 strive to achieve academic success. The cumulative GPA
3 requirements for performance under the success curricula
4 shall not be restricted to those courses comprising the
5 success curricula, but shall be applied comprehensively to
6 all courses included within each scholarship student's high
7 school curricula.

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9 **21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.**

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

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14 (ii) Upon request of a student applying to an
15 eligible institution and initially applying for a Hathaway
16 scholarship, each school district shall provide to the
17 eligible institution an official transcript of the
18 student's academic record through the student's most recent
19 semester of attendance. Following graduation and upon the
20 student's request the school district shall also provide to
21 the eligible institution an official transcript of the
22 student's complete academic record. All transcripts
23 provided pursuant to this paragraph shall designate each

1 course which satisfies the success curriculum requirements
2 established under W.S. 21-16-1307;
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4 (b) The department shall, in consultation with
5 University of Wyoming and community college admissions
6 officers and financial aid officers and school districts,
7 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement
8 this article, including:
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10 (vii) Implementing success curricula
11 requirements as authorized by W.S. 21-16-1307;
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13 ~~(vii)~~ (viii) Any other rules and regulations
14 necessary for the implementation and administration of this
15 article.
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17 (c) The department shall establish annual reporting
18 procedures for purposes of policy analysis and program
19 evaluation and providing accurate data to the legislature
20 and governor relative to the program's impact on the state
21 and on students. In developing the annual reporting
22 procedure the department shall consult with the University
23 of Wyoming and community college financial aid officers and
24 registrars or their designees. It is the intention of the

1 legislature that the reporting system and the requirements
2 thereof shall be applicable to all recipients of
3 scholarships under this article. Compliance with this
4 section shall be made a condition of receiving a
5 scholarship under this article. The reporting system shall
6 include the following information:
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8 (vi) An annual report on the number of
9 applicants as well as the percent of high school graduates
10 by high school district who meet the success curriculum
11 requirements, the percent who apply for a scholarship by
12 scholarship category, and the percent of those students who
13 are awarded a scholarship and subsequently enroll in an
14 eligible institution;
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16 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-16-1307(a) is repealed.
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18 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
19 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
20 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.
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23 (END)