

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0182

Teacher shortage loan repayment program.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) White, Harshman and Millin
and Senator(s) Coe and Job

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to a loan program for students pursuing
2 degrees to become foreign language teachers; amending the
3 teacher shortage loan repayment program to include students
4 pursuing degrees to become foreign language teachers;
5 conforming program administration; providing an
6 appropriation; providing a limit on the percentage of the
7 appropriation to be expended for administrative purposes;
8 and providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-7-601(a), (b)(i), (c), (e),
13 (j)(intro), (k) and (n) is amended to read:

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1 **21-7-601. Wyoming teacher shortage loan repayment**
2 **program; eligibility criteria; procedures; program**
3 **reporting.**

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5 (a) The Wyoming teacher shortage loan repayment
6 program is created to be administered by the Wyoming ~~higher~~
7 ~~education assistance authority~~ community college commission
8 established under W.S. ~~21-16-703~~ 21-18-201. Applicants
9 shall have a Wyoming residence, as defined in W.S.
10 22-1-102(a)(xxx), or shall be graduates of a Wyoming high
11 school and may apply for loans from the program in
12 accordance with this section.

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

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17 (i) Be enrolled in good standing in a teacher
18 education program at the University of Wyoming leading to
19 certification as a special education, math, ~~or~~ science or
20 foreign language teacher;

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22 (c) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated
23 for this program, loans under this section may be granted
24 to qualified applicants to pay the unmet financial need, as

1 determined by the Wyoming ~~higher education assistance~~
2 ~~authority~~ community college commission, of attendance at
3 the teacher education program specified under paragraph
4 (b)(i) of this section.

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6 (e) A recipient of a loan under this section may
7 repay the loan without cash payment by teaching at least
8 fifty percent (50%) of his working hours as a teacher in
9 special education, math, ~~or~~ science or foreign language as
10 a certified teacher in a Wyoming public school as provided
11 in subsection (f) of this section. To qualify as repayment
12 under this subsection, work shall be performed within the
13 minimum amount of time necessary to repay the loan, plus
14 two (2) years, which shall begin with the calendar month
15 following the month in which the student completed the
16 academic program.

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18 (j) The Wyoming ~~higher education assistance authority~~
19 community college commission shall have the powers and
20 duties specified under W.S. ~~21-16-705~~ 21-18-202(c) to
21 implement this section and shall establish terms and
22 conditions of loans issued under this section, including:

1 (k) Funding of the loan program established under
2 this section shall be by appropriation of the legislature.
3 The ~~authority~~community college commission shall transfer
4 approved loan amounts to the University of Wyoming.

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6 (n) The ~~authority~~community college commission shall
7 annually review the loan program established under this
8 section and report to the governor and the legislature in
9 accordance with W.S. 9-2-1014, regarding program results,
10 funds received and loans issued during the preceding
11 academic year, together with the status of all outstanding
12 loan commitments and repayments under the program. The
13 report required under this subsection shall include
14 information submitted by the professional teaching
15 standards board regarding the impact of the program on
16 identified teacher shortage areas and recommendations for
17 modifications to the program, including funding levels, to
18 address other identified teacher shortage areas.

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20 **Section 2.**

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22 (a) For the period ending June 30, 2008, there is
23 appropriated seventy-five thousand six hundred dollars
24 (\$75,600.00) from the school foundation program account to

1 the Wyoming community college commission for the purposes
2 of this act.

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4 (b) Not more than five percent (5%) of the amount
5 appropriated under this section shall be used by the
6 Wyoming community college commission for the administration
7 of this program, including expenses of the commission and
8 loan administration fees.

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

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15 (END)