

SENATE FILE NO. SF0133

Community colleges-task force planning study.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Coe and Massie and
Representative(s) Berger, Hammons, McOmie
and Simpson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community colleges; establishing a task
2 force to review, evaluate and develop recommendations on
3 community college programs and services as specified;
4 imposing reporting requirements; providing appropriations;
5 and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) There is created a community college planning
12 task force to consist of the following:

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14 (i) The chairman of the senate education
15 committee;

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1 (ii) The chairman of the house education
2 committee;

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4 (iii) Six (6) members appointed by the governor
5 as follows:

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7 (A) One (1) representative of community
8 colleges;

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10 (B) One (1) member representing the
11 department of workforce services;

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13 (C) One (1) member representing the Wyoming
14 workforce development council;

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16 (D) One (1) representative of the Wyoming
17 oil and gas industry;

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19 (E) One (1) representative of the Wyoming
20 mining industry;

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22 (F) One (1) representative of the small
23 business community in Wyoming;

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1 (G) One (1) representative of the public.

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3 (b) The task force shall comprehensively review and
4 evaluate the existing community college system and develop
5 recommendations on the most efficient and effective manner
6 in which to provide community college educational and
7 workforce preparation programs and services in Wyoming,
8 including community college structure, governance,
9 revenues, programs and the integration of post-secondary
10 programs with public school programs.

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12 (c) Appointments shall be in sufficient time to
13 enable the first meeting of the task force to be held not
14 later than May 1, 2007. At this initial meeting, the task
15 force shall select a chair and vice-chair from among its
16 membership. Thereafter, task force meetings shall be
17 scheduled upon the call of the chair.

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19 (d) The task force may retain consultants as
20 necessary to fulfill its duties under this act. The
21 governor's office shall staff the task force and state
22 agencies shall provide information to the task force as
23 requested in order to fulfill its duties.

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1 (e) Legislative members of the task force shall
2 receive compensation, per diem and travel expenses in the
3 manner and amount as prescribed by W.S. 28-5-101.
4 Remaining task force members who are not state employees
5 shall receive the per diem and mileage paid members of the
6 Wyoming legislature under W.S. 28-5-101 for each day of
7 actual task force meetings and travel to those meetings.

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9 (f) The task force shall report its findings and
10 recommendations to the governor, the joint appropriations
11 interim committee and the joint education interim committee
12 by June 1, 2008. The joint education interim committee
13 shall forward any legislation necessary to implement task
14 force recommendations to the 2009 legislature.

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16 (g) This section is repealed March 31, 2009.

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18 **Section 2.**

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20 (a) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00)
21 is appropriated from the general fund to the governor for
22 the period commencing on the effective date of this act and
23 ending March 31, 2009, as necessary to fund the community

1 college planning task force in carrying out its duties
2 under this act.

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4 (b) For the period beginning on the effective date of
5 this act and ending March 31, 2009, ten thousand dollars
6 (\$10,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
7 legislative service office to fund the expenses of the
8 state legislative members of the task force to complete the
9 duties assigned to the task force.

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

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16 (END)