

SENATE FILE NO. SF0047

Hathaway student scholarship program administration.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway student scholarship
2 program; appropriating funds for the administration and
3 implementation of specified scholarship program
4 administrative components and reporting functions; imposing
5 reporting requirements on the use of appropriated funds;
6 and providing for effective dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) For the period commencing on the effective date
13 of this section and ending June 30, 2010, one hundred
14 thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is appropriated from the
15 public school foundation program account to the state
16 superintendent to continue the task force established
17 pursuant to 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 95, Section

1 1001, for purposes of reviewing and evaluating the addition
2 of sign language as fulfillment of foreign language
3 requirements under the Hathaway student scholarship program
4 prescribed by W.S. 21-16-1307. The amount appropriated
5 under this subsection shall be expended by the state
6 superintendent through the department of education for:

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8 (i) Establishing cooperative partnerships with
9 appropriate post secondary education institutions to
10 develop course requirements for instructor certification in
11 American sign language as a second language;

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13 (ii) Developing an assessment instrument to
14 determine proficiency standards for both highly qualified
15 instructors and secondary education students;

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17 (iii) Determining necessary procedures for
18 providing Hathaway student scholarship program access to
19 transfer students with successful completion of American
20 sign language coursework.

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22 (b) The state superintendent shall report final
23 recommendations and proposed requirements for including
24 American sign language as a foreign language component of

1 the success curriculum to the joint education interim
2 committee on or before October 1, 2009.

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4 **Section 2.**

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6 (a) One hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars
7 (\$157,000.00) is appropriated from the public school
8 foundation program account to the department of education
9 to establish a transcript data center within the department
10 providing a common course coding capability between
11 secondary schools. The transcript center will enable the
12 department to provide required statistical studies and
13 information to the legislature in accordance with W.S.
14 21-16-1308(c)(vii) and (viii), describing relationships
15 between student high school coursework and subsequent
16 student performance on required college entrance
17 assessments and in enrolled post secondary programs.

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19 (b) The amount appropriated under subsection (a) of
20 this section shall be for the period beginning on the
21 effective date of this section and ending on June 30, 2010,
22 and shall be expended for necessary data software to enable
23 automation of the course matching process between schools.

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1 (c) Not later than October 1, 2009, the department
2 shall report to the joint education interim committee on
3 the expenditure of funds appropriated under this section
4 and on the status of the transcript data center.

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6 **Section 3.**

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8 (a) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is
9 appropriated from the public school foundation program
10 account to the department of education for implementation
11 of the one (1) week unit of eighth grade instruction
12 regarding preparation for post secondary work as required
13 under W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(i)(C). The appropriation is for
14 the period commencing on the effective date of this section
15 and ending June 30, 2010, and shall be expended as follows:

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17 (i) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for
18 professional development programs targeted for school
19 district counselors providing counseling services under the
20 unit of instruction program and to students enrolled in
21 grades eight (8) through twelve (12) pursuant to W.S.
22 21-16-1308(b)(i)(D);

1 (ii) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for
2 student career assessments prescribed under W.S.
3 21-16-1308(b)(i)(C) in developing curriculum necessary for
4 success in post secondary education programs and meeting
5 standardized test requirements for scholarships available
6 for post secondary education.

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8 (b) The department shall report on the use of funds
9 appropriated under this section to the joint education
10 interim committee by October 1, 2009.

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12 **Section 4.**

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14 (a) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) is
15 appropriated from the public school foundation program
16 account to the state superintendent for expansion of
17 participation in the WORKKEYS job skills assessment to
18 Wyoming high school students interested in attaining
19 certification in career readiness as offered through the
20 department of workforce services. This appropriation is
21 for the period beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,
22 2010, and shall apply to test administration in the
23 2009-2010 school year. This appropriation shall be expended

1 for contractual services necessary to provide for the
2 assessment opportunity required under this section.

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4 (b) In sufficient time to enable expanded assessment
5 administration pursuant to this section during the
6 2009-2010 school year, the state superintendent in
7 cooperation with the department of workforce services shall
8 provide notice to school districts of the expanded
9 assessment opportunity provided under this section together
10 with the requirements and availability of career readiness
11 certification upon successful completion of the WORKKEYS
12 assessment.

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14 (c) On or before October 1, 2009, the state
15 superintendent and the department of workforce services
16 shall report to the joint education interim committee on
17 the expansion of the WORKKEYS assessment administration
18 pursuant to this section, on the attainment of career
19 readiness certification and on recommendations for
20 continuation of expanded assessment opportunities.

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22 **Section 5.**

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
section 4 of this act is effective July 1, 2009.

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