

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0163

Adjunct professor incentives.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Freeman, Baker, Goggles
and Jaggi and Senator(s) Coe and Craft

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating teachers; establishing a loan repayment
2 program; enabling teachers to provide concurrent enrollment
3 instruction; specifying eligibility criteria; prescribing
4 procedures and providing for repayment of loans; providing
5 for program administration by the Wyoming community college
6 commission; granting rulemaking authority; sunseting the
7 program; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
8 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. 21-7-701 is created to read:

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14 ARTICLE 7

15 WYOMING ADJUNCT PROFESSOR LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

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1 21-7-701. Wyoming adjunct professor loan repayment
2 program; eligibility criteria; procedures; program
3 reporting.

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5 (a) The Wyoming adjunct professor loan repayment
6 program is created to provide assistance to public school
7 teachers in attaining necessary qualifications to provide
8 instruction in concurrent enrollment programs. This
9 program shall be administered by the Wyoming community
10 college commission established under W.S. 21-18-201. The
11 commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to govern
12 the loan program. Application shall be on a form and in a
13 manner prescribed by the commission. Applicants shall have
14 a Wyoming residence, as defined in W.S. 22-1-102(a)(xxx),
15 and may apply for loans from the program in accordance with
16 this section.

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

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21 (i) Be employed by a Wyoming school district as
22 a teacher, as defined by W.S. 21-7-102;

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1 (ii) Be certified by and in good standing with
2 the professional teaching standards board, as required by
3 W.S. 21-7-303;

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5 (iii) Be nominated by the employing Wyoming
6 school district for consideration by the commission. The
7 nomination shall include a copy of the agreement reached
8 between the teacher, the employing school district and one
9 (1) of the seven (7) Wyoming community colleges or the
10 University of Wyoming that will be a party to the agreement
11 under W.S. 21-20-201 upon the completion of the program;

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13 (iv) The agreement required by paragraph (iii)
14 of this subsection shall include the following:

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16 (A) Identification of the classes approved
17 under W.S. 21-20-201 that will be taught upon successful
18 completion of the program;

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20 (B) Identification of the appropriate
21 accredited college-level educational program, including a
22 list of the specific classes, that will enable the teacher
23 to provide instruction in the agreed upon courses at the
24 high school and college level upon completion;

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2 (C) An estimate of the cost of tuition and
3 fees required to complete the program;

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5 (D) The terms of repayment of the loan,
6 which shall include successful completion of the
7 educational program and teaching of the agreed upon classes
8 for two (2) years in a Wyoming school district.

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10 (c) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated
11 for this program, loans under this section may be granted
12 to qualified applicants to pay the cost of tuition and fees
13 as certified by the accredited educational program for the
14 classes listed in the agreement required under paragraph
15 (b)(iv) of this section.

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17 (d) The employing school district shall certify to
18 the community college commission the amount required to pay
19 tuition and fees in accordance with the agreement reached
20 under paragraph (b)(iv) of this section upon completion of
21 the teacher's coursework. The certification shall include
22 documentation of successful completion of prior coursework
23 paid for by the community college commission under this
24 section.

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2 (e) Any teacher who fails to complete the academic
3 program for which the loan was provided or who fails to
4 maintain employment in accordance with the terms of the
5 agreement required under paragraph (b)(iii) of this section
6 shall commence cash repayment of the loan within forty-five
7 (45) days.

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9 (f) Loan repayment options under this section may be
10 deferred for a period not to exceed five (5) years while a
11 loan recipient is serving full time on active duty with any
12 branch of the military services of the United States.

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14 (g) The Wyoming community college commission shall
15 have the authority specified under W.S. 21-18-202(c) to
16 implement this section and shall establish terms and
17 conditions of loans issued under this section, including:

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19 (i) Interest rates and loan terms;

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21 (ii) The form and process for loan application,
22 review and award;

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1 (iii) Criteria under which students may be
2 relieved from having to repay loans and interest thereon,
3 in whole or in part, where the requirement to repay would
4 cause undue hardship.

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6 (h) Funding of the loan program established under
7 this section shall be by appropriation of the legislature.

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9 (j) Cash repayment of loans and interest thereon
10 shall be credited to the school foundation program account.

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12 (k) The community college commission shall annually
13 review the loan program established under this section and
14 report to the governor and the legislature in accordance
15 with W.S. 9-2-1014, regarding program results, funds
16 received and loans issued during the preceding academic
17 year, together with the status of all outstanding loan
18 commitments and repayments under the program. The report
19 required under this subsection shall include information
20 regarding the impact of the program on courses approved
21 under W.S. 21-20-201.

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23 (m) The loan repayment program created by this
24 section shall expire effective June 30, 2020.

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2 (n) Notwithstanding subsection (m) of this section:

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4 (i) Any person who receives a loan under this
5 section shall continue to receive funding for the program
6 as the person remains eligible as required by this section;

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8 (ii) Repayment of loans awarded under this
9 section shall continue as specified by this section until
10 all loan obligations have been satisfied.

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12 **Section 2.**

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14 (a) For the period beginning July 1, 2013, and ending
15 June 30, 2014, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)
16 is appropriated from the school foundation account to the
17 Wyoming community college commission to implement this act.
18 This appropriation shall only be expended for the loan
19 program as provided for under this act. Notwithstanding
20 any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
21 transferred or expended for any other purpose. Not more
22 than five percent (5%) of the amount appropriated under
23 this section may be used by the Wyoming community college

1 commission for administration of the program, including
2 expenses of the authority and loan administration.

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4 (b) The Wyoming community college commission shall
5 promulgate rules and regulations required under this act in
6 sufficient time to enable implementation of this act in the
7 2013-2014 academic year.

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

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14 (END)