

SENATE FILE NO. SF0013

Hathaway scholarship program-enrollment expansion.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway student scholarship
2 program; authorizing use of scholarship awards for
3 enrollment in limited summer school and between term
4 courses as specified; modifying provisions accordingly;
5 imposing duties upon the department of education; and
6 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.** W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(i), 21-16-1304(c)(i),
11 (ii), (f)(intro) and by creating a new subsection (h) and
12 21-16-1305(b)(i), (ii), (d)(intro) and by creating a new
13 subsection (e) are amended to read:

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15 **21-16-1301. Definitions.**

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17 (a) As used in this article:

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2 (i) "Academic term" means the fall semester or
3 term or the spring semester or term. In this article,
4 "term" and "semester" have the same meaning except that
5 recipients may elect to use the scholarship during summer
6 school, which except as provided by W.S. 21-16-1304(h) and
7 21-16-1305(e), counts toward the maximum number of terms
8 for which the student is eligible but does not count toward
9 computation of an academic year;

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11 **21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and**
12 **honor scholarships.**

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14 (c) To remain eligible for the scholarship under this
15 section, the student shall:

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17 (i) Except as provided in W.S. 21-16-1303(f) and
18 subsection (h) of this section, make satisfactory academic
19 progress toward a degree. If a student fails to make
20 satisfactory academic progress or maintain the cumulative
21 grade point average required for continuation in the
22 program as provided in this subsection, the student shall
23 become ineligible for the scholarship in subsequent
24 semesters unless granted an exception for cause by the

1 department or except as otherwise provided in subsection
2 (f) of this section. The department may delegate to any
3 eligible institution the department's authority to grant an
4 exception for cause, but shall only do so in accordance
5 with department rules establishing procedures and criteria
6 for granting an exception and any eligible institution
7 acting pursuant to such delegation shall grant exceptions
8 only in accordance with those rules;

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10 (ii) Except as provided in W.S. 21-16-1303(f)
11 and ~~subsection~~ subsections (f) and (h) of this section,
12 maintain continuous enrollment for not less than two (2)
13 semesters in each successive academic year. The department
14 shall by rule and regulation establish exceptions to the
15 requirement of this paragraph for military service,
16 religious service and other good cause shown; and

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18 (f) If a student is otherwise eligible under this
19 article and neither the applicable number of full-time
20 equivalent semesters nor the maximum scholarship
21 eligibility time period specified under subsection (b) of
22 this section and W.S. 21-16-1303(d), including semesters
23 for which a scholarship was not received, has been reached,
24 a scholarship under this section which is lost may be

1 reinstated if the student meets the applicable requirements
2 imposed by this subsection and successfully completes
3 courses at an eligible institution in a summer school
4 session for which the student enrolled in at least six (6)
5 semester hours or an academic term occurring during the
6 period the scholarship is lost. A lost scholarship shall be
7 reinstated in the first academic term following the
8 academic term or summer school session during which the
9 student:

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11 (h) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (a)(i)(B), (ii)(B)
12 and (iii)(B) of this section, the applicable scholarship
13 amount awarded to any eligible student may be available to
14 that student, upon election, for enrollment in less than
15 six (6) semester hours during any summer academic term or
16 other academic term offered by an eligible institution
17 outside of the regular fall or spring semester, subject to
18 the following:

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20 (i) The amount provided under subparagraph
21 (a)(i)(A), (ii)(A) or (iii)(A) of this section, as
22 applicable, for enrollment in less than six (6) hours
23 during any summer term or other academic term offered by an
24 eligible institution shall be available in an amount equal

1 to the proportion of the per semester scholarship amount
2 that the number of semester hours enrolled bears to twelve
3 (12);

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5 (ii) The computation under paragraph (i) of this
6 subsection shall be based upon that scholarship amount for
7 which the student is qualified under this section at the
8 time of his enrollment in the summer or other academic term
9 pursuant to this subsection;

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11 (iii) The amount paid under this subsection
12 shall be included in computing the student's total maximum
13 scholarship amount under this section, as applied to that
14 scholarship amount for which the student qualifies under
15 this section at the time of his last eligible academic
16 semester or semesters, as applicable;

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18 (iv) Scholarships under this subsection shall
19 not be included in computations for that student's six (6)
20 academic year limitation on scholarships under this
21 section, his eight (8) or four (4) full-time semester
22 equivalency limitation under subsection (b) of this
23 section, as applicable, his satisfactory academic progress
24 requirements under paragraph (c)(i) of this section, his

1 continuous enrollment requirements under paragraph (c)(ii)
2 of this section or in reinstating lost scholarships under
3 paragraph (f)(iii) of this section;

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5 (v) The student's hours of enrollment under this
6 subsection shall be used to determine the state's
7 obligation to reimburse the eligible institution for the
8 student's scholarship as applied under this subsection,
9 subject to W.S. 21-16-308(a)(v) and rules and regulations
10 of the department.

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12 **21-16-1305. Hathaway provisional opportunity**
13 **scholarships.**

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15 (b) To remain eligible for the scholarship award
16 under this section, the student shall:

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18 (i) Except as provided by W.S. 21-16-1303(f) and
19 subsection (e) of this section, make satisfactory academic
20 progress toward a certificate or degree. If a student fails
21 to make satisfactory academic progress or maintain the
22 cumulative grade point average required for continuation in
23 the program provided in paragraph (iii) of this subsection,
24 the student shall become ineligible for the scholarship in

1 subsequent semesters unless granted an exception for cause
2 by the department or except as otherwise provided in
3 subsection (d) of this section. The department may delegate
4 to any eligible institution the department's authority to
5 grant an exception for cause, but shall only do so in
6 accordance with department rules establishing procedures
7 and criteria for granting an exception and any eligible
8 institution acting pursuant to such delegation shall grant
9 exceptions only in accordance with those rules;

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11 (ii) Except as provided by W.S. 21-16-1303(f)
12 and ~~subsection~~subsections (d) and (e) of this section,
13 maintain continuous enrollment for not less than two (2)
14 semesters in each successive academic year. The department
15 shall by rule and regulation establish exceptions to the
16 requirement of this paragraph for military service,
17 religious service and other good cause shown; and

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19 (d) If a student is otherwise eligible under this
20 article and neither the applicable number of full-time
21 equivalent semesters nor the maximum scholarship
22 eligibility time period specified under paragraph (a)(ii)
23 of this section and W.S. 21-16-1303(d), including semesters
24 for which a scholarship was not received, has been reached,

1 a scholarship under this section which is lost may be
2 reinstated if the student meets the applicable requirements
3 imposed by this subsection and successfully completes
4 courses at an eligible institution in a summer school
5 session for which the student enrolled in at least six (6)
6 semester hours or an academic term occurring during the
7 period the scholarship is lost. A lost scholarship shall be
8 reinstated in the first academic term following the
9 academic term or summer school session during which the
10 student:

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12 (e) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)(i)(B) of this
13 section, the scholarship amount awarded to any eligible
14 student may be available to that student, upon election,
15 for enrollment in less than six (6) semester hours during
16 any summer academic term or other academic term offered by
17 an eligible institution outside of the regular fall or
18 spring semester, subject to the following:

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20 (i) The amount provided under subparagraph
21 (a)(i)(A) of this section for enrollment in less than six
22 (6) hours during any summer term or other academic term
23 offered by an eligible institution shall be available in an
24 amount equal to the proportion of the per semester

1 scholarship amount that the number of semester hours
2 enrolled bears to twelve (12);

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4 (ii) The computation under paragraph (i) of this
5 subsection shall be based upon that scholarship amount for
6 which the student is qualified under this section at the
7 time of his enrollment in the summer or other academic term
8 pursuant to this subsection;

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10 (iii) The amount paid under this subsection
11 shall be included in computing the student's total maximum
12 scholarship amount under this section, as applied to that
13 scholarship amount for which the student qualifies under
14 this section at the time of his last eligible academic
15 semester or semesters, as applicable;

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17 (iv) Scholarships under this subsection shall
18 not be included in computations for that student's six (6)
19 academic year limitation on his scholarship under this
20 section, his four (4) year full-time semester equivalency
21 limitation or extension thereof under paragraph (a)(iii) of
22 this section, his satisfactory academic progress
23 requirements under paragraph (b)(i) of this section, his
24 continuous enrollment requirements under paragraph (b)(ii)

1 of this section or in reinstating lost scholarships under
2 paragraph (d)(iii) of this section;

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4 (v) The student's hours of enrollment under this
5 subsection shall be used to determine the state's
6 obligation to reimburse the eligible institution for the
7 student's scholarship as applied under this subsection,
8 subject to W.S. 21-16-308(a)(v) and rules and regulations
9 of the department.

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11 **Section 2.** The department of education shall
12 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer
13 scholarship payments to the University of Wyoming and
14 Wyoming community colleges for purposes of this act in
15 sufficient time for implementation in the 2014-2015
16 academic year.

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18 **Section 3.**

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20 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this
21 section, this act is effective July 1, 2014.

1 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
2 section 2 of this act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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