

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0085

Medical education funding.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to higher education; modifying provisions
2 relating to higher education programs in the field of
3 dentistry and other professional health services; modifying
4 provisions regarding agreements under the programs;
5 providing for accounting and use of monies generated by the
6 programs; limiting expenditure of earnings from endowment
7 accounts; requiring reporting; 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. 21-17-109(d)(i), (e), (f) and by
13 creating a new subsection (g) and 21-17-119(e)(i), (g) and
14 by creating a new subsection (h) are amended to read:

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1 **21-17-109. Course in field of professional health**
2 **services; authority to offer; contracts with students;**
3 **repayment of funds expended; deposit of repayments.**

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5 (d) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c)
6 of this section, before expending any funds the board of
7 trustees shall obtain an agreement from each student
8 whereby the student agrees to:

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10 (i) Authorize the state of Wyoming to pay all
11 ~~tuition costs~~ or a portion of the cost of attendance
12 incurred in his or her medical education as determined by
13 any contract between the state of Wyoming and the school of
14 medicine providing that education; and

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16 (e) Any amounts, other than fees and tuition
17 payments, paid by medical students in accordance with the
18 contractual arrangements authorized under this section
19 ~~effective July 1, 2005, and thereafter,~~ shall be deposited
20 into a special fund designated the Medical School Student
21 Fund, maintained and separately accounted for by the
22 University of Wyoming, which fund may be added to by
23 specific contributions from other sources. The fund may be

1 invested, at the discretion of the president of the
2 University of Wyoming and the dean of the College of Health
3 Sciences, for the production of income. The investment
4 income shall be expended by the University of Wyoming
5 solely for direct assistance for relocation costs
6 associated with practice in Wyoming, fees and materials for
7 medical board examinations, rural training, dislocation,
8 student development and scholarships to medical students as
9 authorized by the president of the University of Wyoming
10 and the dean of the College of Health Sciences. The
11 principal of the fund established shall remain unimpaired
12 and only the income derived therefrom may be collected and
13 expended from year to year. The amount of income expended
14 annually pursuant to this section shall not exceed an
15 amount equal to four percent (4%) of the previous five (5)
16 year average market value of the fund, calculated from the
17 first day of the fiscal year. Any unexpended income shall
18 remain in the fund. On or before October 1 of each year,
19 the university shall submit a report to the joint
20 appropriations committee and the joint labor, health and
21 social services interim committee on income to the fund and
22 expenditures from fund earnings during the prior fiscal
23 year.

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2 (f) Upon recommendation of the president of the
3 university, the board of trustees may relieve a student of
4 the obligation to repay amounts expended under paragraph
5 (d) (i) of this ~~subsection~~ section, in whole or in part,
6 where repayment would cause undue hardship. The university
7 shall annually report the number of students relieved from
8 repayment under this subsection to the joint labor, health
9 and social services interim committee not later than
10 October 1.

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12 (g) Tuition and fees received by the University of
13 Wyoming from students participating in the medical
14 education program under this section, shall be separately
15 accounted for by the university. These funds are
16 authorized to be used by the university, without further
17 legislative action, solely for the support of education and
18 training conducted at the university pursuant to this
19 section. The receipt and expenditure of these funds shall
20 be identified in the report required under subsection (e)
21 of this section.
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1 **21-17-119. Authority to offer course in dentistry**
2 **through contracts with other institutions; contracts with**
3 **students; repayment of funds expended; deposit of**
4 **repayments.**

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6 (e) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c)
7 of this section, before expending any funds the board of
8 trustees shall obtain an agreement from each student
9 whereby the student agrees to:

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11 (i) Authorize the state of Wyoming to pay ~~the~~
12 ~~costs of education~~ all or a portion of cost of attendance
13 incurred in his dentistry education as determined by any
14 contract between the state of Wyoming and the school of
15 dentistry providing that education: and

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17 (g) Any amounts other than fees and tuition payments,
18 paid by dentistry students in accordance with the
19 contractual arrangements authorized under this section
20 shall be deposited into a special account designated the
21 Dentistry School Student Account, maintained and separately
22 accounted for by the University of Wyoming, which account
23 may be added to by specific contributions from other

1 sources. The account may be invested, at the discretion of
2 the president of the University of Wyoming, for the
3 production of income. The investment income shall be
4 expended by the University of Wyoming solely for direct
5 assistance for relocation costs associated with practice in
6 Wyoming, fees and materials for dental board examinations,
7 rural training, dislocation, student development and
8 scholarships to dentistry students as authorized by the
9 president of the University of Wyoming and the dean of the
10 college of health sciences. The principal of the fund
11 established shall remain unimpaired and only the income
12 derived therefrom may be collected and expended from year
13 to year. The amount of income expended annually pursuant to
14 this section shall not exceed an amount equal to four
15 percent (4%) of the previous five (5) year average market
16 value of the account, calculated from the first day of the
17 fiscal year. Any unexpended income shall remain in the
18 fund. On or before October 1 of each year, the university
19 shall submit a report to the joint appropriations committee
20 and the joint labor, health and social services interim
21 committee on income to the fund and expenditures from fund
22 earnings during the prior fiscal year.

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(h) Tuition and fees received by the University of Wyoming from students participating in the program under this section, shall be separately accounted for by the university. These funds are authorized to be used by the university, without further legislative action, solely for the support of education and training conducted at the university pursuant to this section and other graduate courses in the college of health sciences. The receipt and expenditure of these funds shall be identified in the report required under subsection (g) of this section.

Section 2. The authority of the University of Wyoming to expend funds from tuition and fees under W.S. 21-17-109 and 21-17-119 as amended in section 1 of this act shall not be construed to authorize the expenditure of tuition and fees collected prior to the effective date of this act. This section shall not affect the university's authority to expend funds from those tuitions and fees granted under any other law.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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