

SENATE FILE NO. SF0037

Education-Hathaway scholarship program-2.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program;
2 modifying success curriculum requirements; requiring
3 rulemaking; requiring a study; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(xii) and (xvi) and
9 21-16-1307(b)(intro), (iii)(intro) and (f)(i) are amended
10 to read:

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12 **21-16-1301. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this article:

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1 (xii) "Grade point average" or "GPA" means the
2 numbered grade average calculated using a 4.0 scale and,
3 beginning school year 2017-2018 and each school year
4 thereafter, for determining initial scholarship eligibility
5 only, shall include a measure to account for academic rigor
6 of high school courses in accordance with rule and
7 regulation of the department;

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9 (xvi) "Semester hour" means each nonremedial
10 semester hour attempted for credit toward a postsecondary
11 degree or certificate; ~~excluding any semester hour~~
12 ~~attempted before earning a high school diploma or a high~~
13 ~~school equivalency certificate;~~

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15 **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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17 (b) The success curriculum required to qualify for
18 honor or performance scholarship eligibility under this
19 article for students graduating from high school in the
20 ~~2010-2011~~ 2017-2018 school year and each school year
21 thereafter shall be as follows:

1 (iii) Science - four (4) years of science in
2 grades nine (9) through twelve (12) to include ~~at least~~
3 ~~three (3) years of those courses specified in subparagraphs~~
4 ~~(A) through (J) of this paragraph and a fourth year from~~
5 any of those courses specified in subparagraphs (A) through
6 (K) of this paragraph:

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8 (f) The courses set forth as success curricula
9 requirements under this article shall be aligned with the
10 student content and performance standards established
11 pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii). The department shall by
12 rule and regulation:

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14 (i) Provide for each school district to submit,
15 and the department to verify, a list of courses provided in
16 the district which satisfy the success curriculum
17 requirements specified in this section. The rules shall
18 include a process to authorize and verify functional
19 equivalents of courses specified in this section, including
20 but not limited to review of career technical education,
21 arts and music and honor courses, college level courses
22 designed for high school students and courses offered
23 pursuant to W.S. 21-20-201. The verification process shall

1 be completed in sufficient time for students registering
2 for the subsequent school year to be apprised of the
3 courses which meet the success curriculum requirements;

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5 **Section 2.**

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7 (a) The department of education shall study options
8 to further incentivize completion of the Hathaway
9 scholarship success curriculum. The study shall include
10 consideration of financial reimbursements to teachers and
11 students or other incentives for high schools offering
12 courses that result in college credit prior to high school
13 graduation, including but not limited to honor courses,
14 international baccalaureate and advanced placement courses
15 and courses provided under W.S. 21-20-101 through 21-20-111
16 and 21-20-201.

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18 (b) Not later than August 1, 2017, the department of
19 education shall submit a report documenting recommendations
20 as a result of the study required by subsection (a) of this
21 section to the joint education interim committee.

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

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