

SENATE FILE NO. SF0136

Energy science stipends and fellowships.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to abandoned mine land funds;
2 reappropriating funds for energy science graduate stipends
3 and fellowships; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.**

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9 (a) Up to two million eight hundred thirty-three
10 thousand seventy-three dollars (\$2,833,073.00) or as much
11 thereof as is available from the appropriation under 2011
12 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 88, Section 346(d)(ii) shall
13 not revert on June 30, 2018 as provided by 2011 Wyoming
14 Session Laws, Chapter 88, Section 346(g)(iii) and is hereby
15 reappropriated to the University of Wyoming for energy
16 science graduate stipends and fellowships, subject to the

1 conditions specified in this section. Notwithstanding any
2 other provision of law, funds reappropriated in this
3 section shall not revert until June 30, 2020. Expenditures
4 under this section are subject to the following:

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6 (i) The University of Wyoming shall not supplant
7 any existing graduate stipend or fellowship funding with
8 these funds;

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10 (ii) The University of Wyoming shall not expend
11 more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per year from
12 these funds;

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14 (iii) The University of Wyoming shall establish
15 minimum grade point average and graduate record examination
16 score thresholds for qualifying students to ensure that
17 only highly qualified candidates are awarded energy science
18 graduate stipends or fellowship opportunities; and

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20 (iv) The University of Wyoming shall provide an
21 annual report to the joint appropriations committee, the
22 joint minerals, business and economic development interim
23 committee and the governor by November 1 of each year that

1 this appropriation is in effect. The report shall detail
2 the number of energy science graduate stipends and
3 fellowships awarded with funding from this appropriation.
4 The report shall also include information demonstrating
5 that the University of Wyoming has complied with
6 subparagraph (ii) of this section.

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

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13 (END)