

[BUDGET AFFECTED]

Budget(s):           **Addition to 300 Sections**

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1   Page 1-line 6           After "specified;" insert "creating a task  
2                           force;"  
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4   Page 97-after line 3       Insert the following new section and  
5                           renumber as necessary:  
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7                           "[WYOMING'S TOMORROW TASK FORCE]  
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9                           **Section 345.**

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11                          (a) There is created a Wyoming's tomorrow task force to  
12 consist of the following members:

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14                          (i) One (1) representative of the University of  
15 Wyoming, appointed by the governor;

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17                          (ii) One (1) representative of the Wyoming community  
18 colleges, appointed by the governor;

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20                          (iii) One (1) representative of the community college  
21 commission appointed by the commission;

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23                          (iv) Two (2) representatives from business and  
24 industry, appointed by the governor;

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26                          (v) One (1) representative of the public, appointed by  
27 the governor;

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29                          (vi) One (1) representative from the Wyoming K-12  
30 educational community appointed by the state superintendent of  
31 public instruction;

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33                          (vii) One (1) representative from the Wyoming  
34 department of education appointed by the state superintendent of  
35 public instruction;

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37                          (viii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming senate, appointed  
38 by the president of the senate;

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2 (ix) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house of  
3 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.  
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5 (b) The task force shall study the Tennessee Promise program  
6 and consider other scholarship or grant programs in order to inform  
7 the development of potential education scholarship or grant  
8 programs to be funded through a state created endowment fund. The  
9 task force shall include in its review 2019 Senate File 34, Senate  
10 File 43 and Senate File 122 and House Bill 132, House Bill 133,  
11 House Bill 137 and House Bill 263 if not enacted into law. The  
12 task force shall also review existing state funded economic  
13 development, diversification and workforce development programs  
14 and consider potential alignment of and need for those programs  
15 with the implementation of the Wyoming's tomorrow program. The  
16 goal of the task force shall be to make recommendations to the  
17 Wyoming legislature for future legislation needed for scholarship  
18 or grant programs and to make undergraduate post secondary  
19 education in Wyoming as free as possible to Wyoming residents. The  
20 task force shall provide recommendations for a program which is  
21 not based on scholastic achievement for entry to the program. The  
22 task force may consider scholastic achievement based components  
23 for entry and continued enrollment in the program. The task force  
24 shall review potential contributions the program can make to  
25 economic development and diversification efforts of the state  
26 considering workforce needs within the state. The task force shall  
27 consider and make recommendations as to the following:  
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29 (i) The amount of tuition, fees and other education  
30 related expenses incurred by Wyoming resident students at the  
31 university and community colleges for undergraduate degrees and  
32 certificates;  
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34 (ii) The establishment of a higher education endowment  
35 fund and the amount of funding necessary to provide Wyoming  
36 residents with tuition and mandatory fees at each community college  
37 and the university for two (2) years of undergraduate attendance  
38 considering current and anticipated growth in enrollment and  
39 increases in tuition and fees;  
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41 (iii) Requirements for continued enrollment and reentry  
42 requirements for students failing to maintain satisfactory  
43 academic progress;  
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45 (iv) Dual post secondary and K-12 enrollment  
46 modifications or early graduation provisions in order for the state  
47 education system to be more responsive to the state's workforce

1 needs and funding modifications associated with dual enrollment  
2 modifications or early graduation provisions;

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4 (v) Waiver provisions, if any, regarding continuing  
5 scholarship requirements;

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7 (vi) Administrative oversight of the program;

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9 (vii) An implementation date for the program;

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11 (viii) Potential increases in required state funding  
12 for the university and community colleges as a result of projected  
13 increases in enrollment, tuition and fees;

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15 (ix) Reallocation of state funding for existing  
16 educational scholarship and grant programs and economic  
17 development and diversification efforts funded with state funds.  
18 The task force shall consider reallocation of Hathaway funds made  
19 available as a result of Wyoming's tomorrow program to the Hathaway  
20 student scholarship program in order to increase Hathaway  
21 scholarship amounts;

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23 (x) A means for private funding for the program,  
24 whether such contribution should be a requirement for  
25 implementation of the program and recommended terms and conditions  
26 for that private funding;

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28 (xi) Other additional funding sources or options for  
29 the program, with a goal of providing funding in an amount  
30 sufficient to provide Wyoming residents free tuition and mandatory  
31 fees for two (2) years of undergraduate education at the University  
32 of Wyoming or a Wyoming community college.

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34 (c) Subject to available funding, the task force may retain  
35 consultants as necessary to fulfill its duties under this section.  
36 The task force shall be staffed by the legislative service office.  
37 State agencies shall provide information to the task force as  
38 requested in order to fulfill the task force's duties. The  
39 legislative members of the task force shall receive compensation,  
40 per diem and travel expenses in the manner and amount prescribed  
41 by W.S. 28-5-101. Members of the task force who are employees of  
42 the state of Wyoming, a community college or a school district  
43 shall be considered on official business of their agency or office  
44 and shall receive mileage and per diem in the manner provided by  
45 their agency or office. Any other member of the task force shall  
46 be paid no salary but shall receive mileage and per diem at the  
47 same rate as members of the Wyoming legislature under W.S. 28-5-101

1 for each day of actual task force meetings and travel to those  
2 meetings.

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4 (d) The task force shall report its initial findings and  
5 recommendations to the governor, the joint appropriations  
6 committee and the joint education interim committee by November 1,  
7 2019 and, if the committee determines modifications to its initial  
8 findings and recommendations are appropriate, again by June 30,  
9 2020. Either legislative committee may sponsor legislation for  
10 introduction in the 2020 budget session and 2021 general session  
11 implementing the Wyoming's tomorrow program in whole or in part as  
12 the legislative committee determines appropriate.

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14 (e) The task force shall terminate June 30, 2020.

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16 (f) There is appropriated thirty thousand dollars  
17 (\$30,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service  
18 office for per diem, mileage and salary as authorized for members  
19 of Wyoming's tomorrow task force. Notwithstanding any other  
20 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or  
21 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated  
22 funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
23 by law on June 30, 2020.

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25 (g) This section shall be effective only if 2019 House Bill  
26 0310 is not enacted into law."

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28 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and  
29 renumber as necessary. NICHOLAS