

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0204

Common college transcript-implementation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Northrup, Brown, Freeman and
Harshman and Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton,
Bebout, Coe, Ellis and Wasserburger

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community colleges and the University of
2 Wyoming; establishing requirements for the community college
3 commission's common college transcript and transfer process
4 system; providing appropriations; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-18-202(a)(vi) is amended to read:

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11 **21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.**

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13 (a) The commission shall perform the following general
14 functions:

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1 (vi) In cooperation with the community colleges
2 and the University of Wyoming, develop and maintain a common
3 transcript and transfer process system that uses common
4 course numbering for all lower division undergraduate courses
5 provided at the community colleges ~~or~~ and the University of
6 Wyoming. ~~The system shall facilitate program planning and the~~
7 ~~transfer of students and course credits between the community~~
8 ~~colleges and the University of Wyoming.~~ The development and
9 ongoing maintenance of the statewide course numbering system,
10 including determining course equivalencies, shall be
11 accomplished with the assistance of appropriate committees
12 that shall include faculty members and staff of the community
13 colleges and the University of Wyoming. The system shall:

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15 (A) Facilitate program planning and the
16 transfer of students and course credits between the community
17 colleges and the University of Wyoming;

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19 (B) Offer functionality to transmit
20 transcript information between the community colleges and the
21 University of Wyoming;

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1 (C) Extend to the community college
2 commission, the Wyoming department of education, the
3 department of workforce services and the University of
4 Wyoming a statewide longitudinal education data system, which
5 shall serve as a statewide exchange for management and
6 analytical reporting in support of education and workforce
7 outcomes;

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9 (D) Use a common transcript and transfer
10 process vendor;

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12 (E) Use electronic course catalog software to
13 ensure a consistent experience for students between the
14 community colleges and the University of Wyoming. Each
15 community college and the University of Wyoming may use
16 different course catalog software. The software shall provide
17 a search function for educational programs;

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19 (F) Use course transfer software to support
20 both in-state and out-of-state transfer students. The
21 software shall be common across each community college and
22 the University of Wyoming and shall provide a common database
23 that provides identification and reconciliation of

1 differences in curricula elements of courses with the same
2 course number;

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4 (G) Use curriculum process management
5 software to facilitate and ensure consistency in curricula
6 development and streamline the transfer process between a
7 Wyoming community college and the University of Wyoming;

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9 (H) Result in internal college or university
10 planning and student program planning with required automated
11 transfer among the community colleges and the University of
12 Wyoming. The automated transfer shall allow automatic
13 transcription of course credits among the community colleges
14 and the University of Wyoming for those credits earned through
15 the common course catalog system and within programs with
16 articulation agreements between the community colleges and
17 the University of Wyoming.

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19 **Section 2.**

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21 (a) Eight hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars
22 (\$837,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
23 community college commission. Of this appropriation, two

1 hundred two thousand dollars (\$202,000.00) is appropriated
2 for transcript consumption licensing, installation and
3 training required to implement this act and six hundred
4 thirty-five thousand dollars (\$635,000.00) is appropriated
5 for purposes of procuring electronic course catalog software
6 and curriculum process management software for the community
7 college commission, the community colleges and the University
8 of Wyoming. Appropriations made under this subsection are for
9 the period from the effective date of this act to June 30,
10 2022. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, these funds
11 shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose
12 and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
13 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
14 2022.

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16 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
17 community college commission shall include in its exception
18 budget request for the biennial budget period commencing July
19 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022 additional appropriations
20 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

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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 as
3 provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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