

SENATE FILE NO. SF0046

Community college funding-inflation adjustment.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community college funding; authorizing  
2 an exception budget request by the community college  
3 commission for an external cost adjustment to account for  
4 inflation as specified; requiring reporting; and providing  
5 for an 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. 21-18-203(a) and by creating a new  
10 subsection (g) is amended to read:

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12       **21-18-203. Budget procedure.**

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14       (a) In collaboration with the boards of the community  
15 colleges, the commission shall submit state appropriation  
16 requests on behalf of the community college system in

1 compliance with the statewide community college system  
2 strategic plan. The standard budget request submitted by  
3 the commission for state aid to community colleges under  
4 W.S. 21-18-205 for the fiscal biennium commencing July 1,  
5 2020 and every four years thereafter, shall be equal to the  
6 amount defined in W.S. 9-2-1002(a)(ix). A request for an  
7 enrollment adjustment to the standard budget for state aid  
8 to community colleges shall be submitted every four (4)  
9 years commencing in the fiscal biennium beginning July 1,  
10 2018. The enrollment adjustment shall be based solely upon  
11 the calculation under subsection (e) of this section. The  
12 commission may request state funding in an exception budget  
13 request as defined in W.S. 9-2-1002(a)(iv), for an external  
14 cost adjustment to account for inflation to the standard  
15 budget for state aid to community colleges. An external  
16 cost adjustment authorized under this subsection may be  
17 submitted every two (2) years commencing in the fiscal  
18 biennium beginning July 1, 2024, as provided in subsection  
19 (g) of this section. The budget requests shall be made upon  
20 forms and in a format to be determined by the state budget  
21 department.

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1       (g) A request for an external cost adjustment under  
2 subsection (a) of this section shall reflect the effects of  
3 inflation, subject to the following:

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5       (i) The commission shall include necessary  
6 information and appropriate inflationary cost indices, to  
7 be specifically reviewed by the joint appropriations  
8 committee and the joint education interim committee, for  
9 the components of the fixed and variable operation costs of  
10 community colleges as reflected in commission rule and the  
11 periodic review required under W.S. 21-18-205(c), to  
12 support a request for an external cost adjustment;

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14       (ii) The commission shall identify prior and  
15 proposed student tuition increases by the commission, prior  
16 and proposed fee increases by the colleges and estimated  
17 local revenues utilized in the operation of the funding  
18 allocation model under W.S. 21-18-205(c);

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20       (iii) Any funding modification as determined by  
21 the state legislature for an external cost adjustment shall  
22 be distributed in proportion to the funding amounts  
23 determined in W.S. 21-18-205(c).

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2       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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