SENATE
WYOMING STATE LEGISLATURE

Message No. 372

CONCURRENCE REQUESTED

Mr. Speaker: February 26, 2025

H.B. No. 0036 Hathaway scholarship-amendments.

The House Bill listed above passed on third reading in an amended form as follows by the vote indicated.

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Page 1-lines 2 and 3 Delete entirely and insert "modifying definitions; modifying the standards for satisfactory academic progress; amending minimum enrollment hours for Hathaway scholarship eligibility; modifying scholarship awards;".

Page 1-line 4 Delete "specifying applicability;".

Page 1-line 9 Delete "21-16-1301(a)(iv) is" and insert "21-16-1301(a)(iv) and (xiv), 21-16-1304(a)(i) by creating a new subparagraph (C), (ii) by creating a new subparagraph (C), (iii) by creating a new subparagraph (C) and (c)(i) and 21-16-1305(a)(i) by creating a new subparagraph (C) are".

Page 2-line 4 Delete ","; reinsert stricken "or".

Page 2-line 5 Strike "an academic year" and insert "a".

Page 2-line 6 Delete all new language.

Page 2-line 7 Delete the line through "college".

Page 2-line 10 Delete "in this state, including, but not" and insert "and may require on-the-job training and credit hours to complete the program;".

Page 2-lines 11 and 12 Delete entirely.

Page 2-line 13 Delete "programs"; strike ";".

Page 2-after line 13 Insert:

"(xiv) "Satisfactory academic progress" means, except as further specified in this paragraph, completing at least six (6) semester hours per semester if enrolled for less than twelve (12) semester hours and completing at least twelve (12) semester hours per semester if enrolled for twelve (12) or more semester hours, and meeting such other criteria as established by the eligible institution to ensure the student earns his degree or certificate in a timely manner. The student's hours of enrollment for purposes of this paragraph shall be the same number of hours of enrollment used to determine the state's obligation to reimburse the eligible institution for the student's scholarship under this article. Satisfactory academic progress shall be determined annually following the spring semester, but a student's scholarship may be reinstated pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1304(f)(i) or 21-16-1305(d)(i) following any semester or summer school session. For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training and less than six (6) credit hours per semester to receive a certificate, "satisfactory academic progress" means completing all semester hours the student is enrolled in each semester, meeting the hourly on-the-job training requirements and meeting other criteria as established by the Wyoming community college to ensure the student earns the certificate in a timely manner;

21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and honor scholarships.

(a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S. 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a scholarship to pursue a degree or certificate as follows:

(i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.50 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national percentile rank of forty-three (43) on a college entrance examination administered throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway opportunity scholarship for:

(C) For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12).

(ii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national percentile rank of fifty-six (56) on a college entrance examination administered throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway performance scholarship for:

(C) For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12).

(iii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national percentile rank of seventy-nine (79) on an examination administered throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway honor scholarship for:

(C) For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12).

(c) To remain eligible for the scholarship under this section, the student shall:

(i) Except as provided in W.S. 21-16-1303(f) and subsection (h) of this section, make satisfactory academic progress toward a certificate or degree. If a student fails to make satisfactory academic progress or maintain the cumulative grade point average required for continuation in the program as

provided in this subsection, the student shall become ineligible for the scholarship in subsequent semesters unless granted an exception for cause by the department or except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section. The department may delegate to any eligible institution the department's authority to grant an exception for cause, but shall only do so in accordance with department rules establishing procedures and criteria for granting an exception and any eligible institution acting pursuant to such delegation shall grant exceptions only in accordance with those rules;

21-16-1305. Hathaway provisional opportunity scholarships.

(a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S. 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a Hathaway provisional opportunity scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree as follows:

(i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.50 and either a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national percentile rank of thirty (30) on a college entrance examination administered throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance of students for attendance or a qualifying cumulative score on a career-technical aptitude test as determined by the department, a scholarship for:

(C) For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12).".

Ayes 31 Noes 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflict 0

The Senate respectfully asks the House to concur by adopting the listed amendments.

Sincerely,

Ellen Thompson

Senate Chief Clerk

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