

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0080

Community college budget request recalibration.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Greear, Berger, Harvey,
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Burns, Coe, Landen, Von Flatern and
Wasserburger

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming community college
2 commission; modifying the standard and exception budget
3 request processes for state appropriations for community
4 colleges; requiring a recalibration of the standard budget
5 request as specified; providing definitions; and providing
6 for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-18-102(a) by creating new
11 paragraphs (xvi) through (xxii) and by renumbering (xvi) as
12 (xxiii) and 21-18-203(a) and by creating a new subsection
13 (e) are amended to read:

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1 **21-18-102. Definitions.**

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3 (a) As used in this act:

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5 (xii) "Full-time equivalency" means the number
6 of approved academic or vocational-technical credit hours
7 for each class for which students are enrolled divided by
8 twelve (12). In calculating full-time equivalency, the
9 census date of student enrollment as audited by the
10 commission shall be used;

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12 (xvi) "Annual weighted average enrollment" means
13 the total of three (3) consecutive academic years'
14 full-time weighted equivalency enrollment in which the most
15 recent academic year is multiplied by one-half (.5) and the
16 immediately preceding two (2) academic years are multiplied
17 by one-quarter (.25);

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19 (xvii) "Distance education class" means a class
20 in which the instructor and a majority of students are
21 physically separated by time or space, and a communications
22 source other than face to face in class instruction is used
23 to provide synchronous or asynchronous instruction. A

1 class which qualifies as a distance education class shall
2 not be considered a level one, level two or level three
3 class;

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5 (xviii) "Full-time weighted equivalency
6 enrollment" means full-time equivalency with credit hours
7 for each class assigned a weighting system as follows:

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9 (A) Each distance education class credit
10 hour shall be multiplied by eight-tenths (.8);

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12 (B) Each level one class credit hour shall
13 be multiplied by one (1);

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15 (C) Each level two class credit hour shall
16 be multiplied by one and one-quarter (1.25);

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18 (D) Each level three class credit hour
19 shall be multiplied by one and one-half (1.5).

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21 (xix) "Level one class" means a class guided by
22 an instructor through course material via classroom
23 lecture, limited field trips, multimedia, text book

1 reading, written assignments and one-on-one tutorial
2 wherein students rely on the instructor to lead the class
3 and assign appropriate homework and tests based on class
4 lecture;

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6 (xx) "Level two class" means a class taught in a
7 laboratory setting, supplemented but not solely based on
8 lecture, textbook reading, field trips, writing assignments
9 and the use of multimedia;

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11 (xxi) "Level three class" means a class that is
12 highly technical and requires significant ancillary
13 equipment. Level three classes incorporate all methods of
14 instruction with the primary emphasis of instruction
15 centering on equipment and hands-on experiences;

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17 (xxii) "Standard budget base amount" means a
18 base budget amount of one hundred ninety-four million seven
19 hundred two thousand one hundred thirty-one dollars
20 (\$194,702,131.00) plus all increases enacted pursuant to
21 W.S. 21-18-203(e);

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1 ~~(xvi)~~ (xxiii) "This act" means W.S. 21-18-101
2 through 21-18-317.

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4 **21-18-203. Budget procedure.**

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6 (a) In collaboration with the boards of the community
7 colleges, the commission shall submit state appropriation
8 requests on behalf of the community college system in
9 compliance with the statewide community college system
10 strategic plan.~~, which are based upon amounts appropriated~~
11 ~~to the system by the legislature for the biennial period~~
12 ~~immediately preceding the biennium for which the budget~~
13 ~~request is to be made. Exception budget requests may be~~
14 ~~made for any biennial budget period by the commission on~~
15 ~~behalf of the college system which are in addition to the~~
16 ~~prior period adjusted amount and unless otherwise specified~~
17 ~~by the commission, are limited exclusively to the fiscal~~
18 ~~period for which the request is submitted and shall not be~~
19 ~~included in the standard budget request of any subsequent~~
20 ~~biennial budget request.~~ The standard budget request
21 submitted by the commission for state aid to community
22 colleges under W.S. 21-18-205 for the fiscal biennium
23 commencing July 1, 2020 and every four years thereafter,

1 shall be equal to the amount defined in W.S.
2 9-2-1002(a)(ix). A request for an enrollment adjustment to
3 the standard budget for state aid to community colleges
4 shall be submitted every four (4) years commencing in the
5 fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2018. The enrollment
6 adjustment shall be based solely upon the calculation under
7 subsection (e) of this section. The budget requests shall
8 be made upon forms and in a format to be determined by the
9 budget division of the department of administration and
10 information.

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12 (e) An enrollment adjustment request shall be based
13 upon changes in annual weighted average enrollment and only
14 for variable costs. An enrollment adjustment request for a
15 percentage increase or decrease to a standard budget base
16 amount for annual weighted average enrollment shall be
17 calculated as follows:

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19 (i) The variable cost percentage determined
20 pursuant to W.S. 21-18-205(c) multiplied by a fraction, the
21 numerator of which is the difference in the annual weighted
22 average enrollment for the three (3) most recent academic
23 years and the annual weighted average enrollment at the

1 time of last enrollment adjustment request submitted
2 pursuant to this subsection, the denominator of which is
3 the annual weighted average enrollment at the time of the
4 last enrollment adjustment request submitted pursuant to
5 this subsection;

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7 (ii) The standard budget enrollment adjustment
8 request submitted for the fiscal biennium commencing July
9 1, 2018 shall apply the formula in paragraph (i) of this
10 subsection, with the substitution of annual weighted
11 average enrollment for fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015 in
12 lieu of the "annual weighted average enrollment at the time
13 of the last enrollment adjustment request submitted
14 pursuant to this subsection."

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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18 (END)