ENROLLED ACT NO. 29, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

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

## 21-18-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

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

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

(xvii) "Distance education class" means a class in which the instructor and a majority of students are physically separated by time or space, and a communications source other than face to face in class instruction is used

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to provide synchronous or asynchronous instruction. A class which qualifies as a distance education class shall not be considered a level one, level two or level three class;

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

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

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

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

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

(xix) "Level one class" means a class guided by an instructor through course material via classroom lecture, limited field trips, multimedia, text book reading, written assignments and one-on-one tutorial wherein students rely on the instructor to lead the class and assign appropriate homework and tests based on class lecture;

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

(xxi) "Level three class" means a class that is highly technical and requires significant ancillary equipment. Level three classes incorporate all methods of

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instruction with the primary emphasis of instruction centering on equipment and hands-on experiences;

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

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

## 21-18-203. Budget procedure.

(a) In collaboration with the boards of the community colleges, the commission shall submit state appropriation requests on behalf of the community college system in compliance with the statewide community college system strategic plan., which are based upon amounts appropriated to the system by the legislature for the biennial period immediately preceding the biennium for which the budget request is to be made. Exception budget requests may be made for any biennial budget period by the commission behalf of the college system which are in addition to the prior period adjusted amount and unless otherwise specified by the commission, are limited exclusively to the fiscal period for which the request is submitted and shall not be included in the standard budget request of any subsequent biennial budget request. The standard budget request submitted by the commission for state aid to community colleges under W.S. 21-18-205 for the fiscal biennium commencing July 1, 2020 and every four years thereafter, amount shall equal to the defined W.S. be in 9-2-1002(a)(ix). A request for an enrollment adjustment to the standard budget for state aid to community colleges shall be submitted every four (4) years commencing in the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2018. The enrollment

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adjustment shall be based solely upon the calculation under subsection (e) of this section. The budget requests shall be made upon forms and in a format to be determined by the budget division of the department of administration and information.

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

(i) The variable cost percentage determined pursuant to W.S. 21-18-205(c) multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the difference in the annual weighted average enrollment for the three (3) most recent academic years and the annual weighted average enrollment at the time of last enrollment adjustment request submitted pursuant to this subsection, the denominator of which is the annual weighted average enrollment at the time of the last enrollment request submitted pursuant to this subsection;

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

(iii) Any funding increase or decrease as determined by the state legislature shall be distributed in proportion to the funding amounts determined in W.S. 21-18-205(c).

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk