STATE OF WYOMING

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0093

WICHE repayment program-veterinary medicine students.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Larsen and Senator(s) Baldwin

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Western Interstate Commission for 2 Higher Education (WICHE) repayment program; including veterinary medicine students under WICHE repayment program 3 requirements; providing applicability; and providing for an 4 5 effective date. 6 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming: 8 9 Section **1.** W.S. 21-16-202(b) (iv) (intro) and 10 subparagraph (C) is amended to read: 11 12 21-16-202. When binding; notice of ratification; power of governor to appoint commissioners; powers of 13 14 commissioners generally; appropriation of monies. 15

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1 (b) In addition to those powers granted to the 2 commissioners in the compact, the commissioners are 3 directed and empowered:

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5 (iv) In the interest of recruiting veterinarian and health care professionals to Wyoming, to impose a 6 repayment program for participating students in veterinary 7 8 medicine, dentistry, medicine, podiatry, occupational 9 therapy, physical therapy, optometry, physician assistant 10 programs and osteopathic medicine and obtain an agreement 11 from each student first admitted as a WICHE program student 12 to a participating institution of higher education for the 13 2013-2014 2018-2019 academic year and thereafter, subject 14 to the following:

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16 (C) Any amounts paid by veterinary 17 medicine, medical, podiatry, osteopathic, occupational therapy, physical therapy, optometry, physician assistant 18 19 or dental students in accordance with the contractual 20 arrangements authorized under this paragraph shall be 21 credited to a WICHE program repayment account which shall 22 be expended upon appropriation by the legislature;

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1 Section 2. W.S. 21-16-202(b)(iv)(D) is repealed. 2 Section 3. This act does not affect any agreement 3 4 entered into pursuant to W.S. 21-16-202(b)(iv) before the 5 effective date of this act. 6 Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon 7 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law 8 9 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming 10 Constitution. 11 12 (END)