

ENROLLED ACT NO. 96, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2019 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to community colleges and the University of Wyoming; establishing requirements for the community college commission's common college transcript and transfer process system; amending reporting requirements; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-18-202(a)(vi) is amended to read:

21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.

(a) The commission shall perform the following general functions:

(vi) In cooperation with the community colleges and the University of Wyoming, develop and maintain a common transcript and transfer process system that uses common course numbering for all undergraduate courses provided at the community colleges ~~or~~ and the University of Wyoming. ~~The system shall facilitate program planning and the transfer of students and course credits between the community colleges and the University of Wyoming.~~ The development and ongoing maintenance of the statewide course numbering system, including determining course equivalencies, shall be accomplished with the assistance of appropriate committees that shall include faculty members and staff of the community colleges and the University of Wyoming. The system shall:

(A) Facilitate program planning and the transfer of students and course credits between the community colleges and the University of Wyoming;

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(B) Offer functionality to transmit transcript information between the community colleges and the University of Wyoming;

(C) Extend to the community college commission, the Wyoming department of education, the department of workforce services and the University of Wyoming a statewide longitudinal education data system, which shall serve as a statewide exchange for management and analytical reporting in support of education and workforce outcomes;

(D) Use a common transcript and transfer process vendor;

(E) Use electronic course catalog software to ensure a consistent experience for students between the community colleges and the University of Wyoming. Each community college and the University of Wyoming may use different course catalog software. The software shall provide a search function for educational programs;

(F) Use course transfer software to support both in-state and out-of-state transfer students. The software shall be common across each community college and the University of Wyoming and shall provide a common database that provides identification and reconciliation of differences in curricula elements of courses with the same course number;

(G) Use curriculum process management software to facilitate and ensure consistency in curricula development and streamline the transfer process between a Wyoming community college and the University of Wyoming;

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(H) Result in internal college or university planning and student program planning with required automated transfer among the community colleges and the University of Wyoming. The automated transfer shall allow automatic transcription of course credits among the community colleges and the University of Wyoming for those credits earned through the common course catalog system and within programs with articulation agreements between the community colleges and the University of Wyoming.

Section 2. 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 78, Section 2 is amended to read:

Section 2. The community college commission, the community colleges of the state and the University of Wyoming shall work collaboratively to develop the common college transcript system under W.S. 21-18-202(a)(vi) as created by this act. The University of Wyoming and the community college commission, in cooperation with the seven (7) community colleges, shall submit a report not later than October 31, 2018 to the joint education interim committee that establishes a plan for development of an electronic transcript transfer system that allows each student information system to send and receive transcript data automatically and establishment of a course equivalence and common course numbering system. The plan shall include recommendations for resource needs and policy or statute changes necessary to accomplish this directive. The system shall be developed by July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020.

Section 3.

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(a) Four hundred fourteen thousand dollars (\$414,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the community college commission. Of this appropriation, two hundred two thousand dollars (\$202,000.00) is appropriated for transcript consumption licensing, installation and training required to implement this act and two hundred twelve thousand dollars (\$212,000.00) is appropriated for purposes of procuring electronic course catalog software and curriculum process management software for the community college commission, the community colleges and the University of Wyoming. Appropriations made under this subsection are for the period from the effective date of this act to June 30, 2022. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, these funds shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the community college commission shall include in its exception budget request for the biennial budget period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022 additional appropriations necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

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Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(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