

ENROLLED ACT NO. 56, SENATE

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2017 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program; modifying success curriculum requirements; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; requiring a study; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(xii) and (xvi) and 21-16-1307(b)(intro), (iii)(intro) and (f)(i) are amended to read:

**21-16-1301. Definitions.**

(a) As used in this article:

(xii) "Grade point average" or "GPA" means the numbered grade average calculated using a 4.0 scale and, beginning school year 2018-2019 and each school year thereafter, for determining initial scholarship eligibility only, shall include a measure to account for academic rigor of courses in accordance with rule and regulation of the department;

(xvi) "Semester hour" means each nonremedial semester hour attempted for credit toward a postsecondary degree or certificate; ~~excluding any semester hour attempted before earning a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate;~~

**21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

(b) The success curriculum required to qualify for honor or performance scholarship eligibility under this article for students graduating from high school in the

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~~2010-2011~~ 2018-2019 school year and each school year thereafter shall be as follows:

(iii) Science - four (4) years of science in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) to include at least three (3) years of those courses specified in subparagraphs (A) through (J) of this paragraph and a fourth year from any of those courses specified in subparagraphs (A) through (K) of this paragraph:

(f) The courses set forth as success curricula requirements under this article shall be aligned with the student content and performance standards established pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii). The department shall by rule and regulation:

(i) Provide for each school district to submit, and the department to verify, a list of courses provided in the district which satisfy the success curriculum requirements specified in this section. The rules shall include a process to authorize and verify functional equivalents of courses specified in this section, including but not limited to review of career technical education, arts and music and honor courses, college level courses offered to high school students and courses offered pursuant to W.S. 21-20-201. The verification process shall be completed in sufficient time for students registering for the subsequent school year to be apprised of the courses which meet the success curriculum requirements;

## **Section 2.**

(a) The department of education shall study options to further incentivize completion of the Hathaway scholarship success curriculum. The study shall include

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consideration of scholarship or other financial incentives, academic recognition or other incentives for teachers and students involved in courses that result in college credit prior to high school graduation, including but not limited to dual and concurrent college courses, honor courses, international baccalaureate and advanced placement courses and courses provided under W.S. 21-20-101 through 21-20-111 and 21-20-201.

(b) Not later than August 1, 2017, the department of education shall submit a report documenting recommendations as a result of the study required by subsection (a) of this section to the joint education interim committee.

**Section 3.** The success curriculum required to qualify for honor or performance scholarship eligibility under W.S. 21-16-1301 et seq. for students graduating from high school in the 2017-2018 school year shall be the success curriculum as provided in W.S. 21-16-1307(b) prior to its amendment by 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.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

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

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

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk