

SENATE FILE NO. SF0091

Common college application.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Wasserburger and Kost and
Representative(s) Harshman and Sommers

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; requiring the
2 community college commission to create a common admission
3 application system and application process; requiring the
4 University of Wyoming and the community colleges to accept
5 applications through the system; providing applicability; and
6 providing 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. 21-17-204(a)(intro) and 21-18-202(a) by
11 creating a new paragraph (vii) are amended to read:

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13 **21-17-204. Additional powers and duties; sectarian or**
14 **partisan instruction or test prohibited.**

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1 (a) The board of trustees shall prescribe rules for the
2 government of the university and all its branches, elect the
3 requisite officers, professors, instructors and employees, a
4 director of finance and budget and a superintendent of
5 buildings and grounds, any of whom may be removed for cause,
6 and fix the salary and term of office of each. The board of
7 trustees shall prescribe the studies to be pursued and the
8 textbooks to be used, and determine the qualifications of
9 applicants for admission to the various courses of study. The
10 board of trustees shall require the university to accept
11 undergraduate applications through the common admission
12 application system developed and maintained by the community
13 college commission. No instruction either sectarian in
14 religion or partisan in politics shall ever be allowed in any
15 department of the university, and no sectarian or partisan
16 test shall ever be exercised or allowed in the appointment of
17 trustees or in the election or removal of professors, teachers
18 or other officers of the university or in the admission of
19 students thereto, or for any purpose whatsoever. The board
20 of trustees may:

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22 **21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.**

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

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4 (vii) In consultation with the University of
5 Wyoming and the community colleges, develop and maintain a
6 common admission application system for the use by the
7 University of Wyoming and the community colleges. The system
8 shall include a common admission application process for use
9 by a person seeking admission as a freshman level student to
10 the University of Wyoming or a community college and a common
11 admission application process for use by a person seeking
12 admission as an undergraduate transfer student to the
13 University of Wyoming or a community college. The commission
14 shall require the community colleges to accept admission
15 applications exclusively through the system. The commission
16 shall promulgate appropriate rules to implement the system.

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18 **Section 2.** On or before September 1, 2020, the
19 community college commission, in consultation with the
20 University of Wyoming and the community colleges, shall
21 develop a common admission application system, as required by
22 W.S. 21-18-202(a)(vii). The University of Wyoming and the
23 community colleges shall accept undergraduate applications

1 through the system beginning with applicants for admission
2 for the 2021-2022 academic year.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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