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ENROLLED ACT NO. 19, SENATE

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2021 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) repayment program; including veterinary medicine students under WICHE repayment program requirements; providing applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-16-202(b)(iv)(intro) and (C) is amended to read:

21-16-202. When binding; notice of ratification; power of governor to appoint commissioners; powers of commissioners generally; appropriation of monies.

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

(iv) In the interest of recruiting veterinarian and health care professionals to Wyoming, to impose a repayment program for participating students in veterinary medicine, dentistry, medicine, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, optometry, physician assistant programs and osteopathic medicine and obtain an agreement from each student first admitted as a WICHE program student to a participating institution of higher education for the 2013-2014 2021-2022 academic year and thereafter, subject to the following:

(C) Any amounts paid by <u>veterinary</u> <u>medicine</u>, medical, podiatry, osteopathic, occupational therapy, physical therapy, optometry, physician assistant or dental students in accordance with the contractual arrangements authorized under this paragraph shall be

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credited to a WICHE program repayment account which shall be expended upon appropriation by the legislature;

Section 2. W.S. 21-16-202(b)(iv)(D) is repealed.

Section 3. This act does not affect any agreement entered into pursuant to W.S. 21-16-202(b)(iv) before the effective date 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 Senate.

Chief Clerk