

SENATE FILE NO. SF0111

Community colleges-bachelor of applied science programs.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; amending
 2 authorized academic programs at the community colleges;
 3 providing for community college commission approval of the
 4 baccalaureate degree programs; conforming Hathaway
 5 scholarship statutes; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1303(f)(iv), 21-16-1304(b),
 10 21-16-1305(a)(iii), 21-18-102(a)(i), 21-18-202(d)(i) and
 11 (h)(ii) and 21-18-303(a)(xvi) are amended to read:

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2 **21-16-1303. Hathaway scholarship program; eligibility**
3 **requirements.**

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5 (f) Students meeting the requirements of this
6 subsection shall not be subject to the six (6) academic year
7 limitation on scholarships under this article, the
8 satisfactory academic progress requirements of W.S.
9 21-16-1304(c)(i) and 21-16-1305(b)(i) or the continuous
10 enrollment requirements of W.S. 21-16-1304(c)(ii) and
11 21-16-1305(b)(ii), but shall be subject to the following:

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13 (iv) Within the earlier of eight (8) years of
14 initial Hathaway scholarship eligibility or four (4) years of
15 last attending an eligible institution while receiving a
16 Hathaway scholarship, have enrolled at the University of
17 Wyoming or a Wyoming community college to complete a
18 baccalaureate of applied science degree and have applied for
19 reinstatement of the student's Hathaway scholarship;

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21 **21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and**
22 **honor scholarships.**

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1 (b) Scholarships under this section shall be for a
2 maximum of the equivalent of eight (8) full-time semesters.

3 ~~Except as specified under subsection (g) of this section, A~~
4 scholarship under this section shall be available for
5 attendance at a Wyoming community college for not more than
6 a maximum of the equivalent of four (4) full-time semesters.

7 except as follows:

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9 (i) As specified under subsection (g) of this
10 section; or

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12 (ii) A scholarship for a student enrolled in a
13 baccalaureate degree program at a Wyoming community college
14 shall be for a maximum of the equivalent of eight (8)
15 full-time semesters.

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17 **21-16-1305. Hathaway provisional opportunity**
18 **scholarships.**

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20 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.
21 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a Hathaway provisional
22 opportunity scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree as
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(iii) A student who receives a scholarship under paragraph (i) of this subsection and who earns a certificate from the community college with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 may extend the provisional opportunity scholarship to pursue either a certificate or a degree at a Wyoming community college or if the student earns a degree from the community college with a minimum GPA of 2.25, may extend the scholarship to pursue a degree at the University of Wyoming if the student maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 and otherwise remains eligible for a scholarship under this article. A student who receives a scholarship under paragraph (i) of this subsection, is enrolled in a community college applied baccalaureate program and has received a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 after four (4) full-time semesters may extend the provisional opportunity scholarship for an additional four (4) full-time semesters to complete the baccalaureate degree if the student maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 and otherwise remains eligible for a scholarship under this article. The scholarship under this paragraph shall be for the same amounts and subject to the same limitations as provided for scholarships under paragraph (a)(i) of this section, except that the student may continue a baccalaureate

1 program or pursue either an additional certificate or a degree
2 and the student may use this scholarship while attending a
3 Wyoming community college or the University of Wyoming.
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5 **21-18-102. Definitions.**

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7 (a) As used in this act:

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9 (i) "Academic program" means those programs
10 approved by the commission which provide credits:

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12 (A) Resulting in a two (2) year associate
13 degree;

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15 (B) Resulting in an applied baccalaureate
16 degree;

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18 (C) Resulting in a credit bearing credential
19 such as a certificate; or

20 (D) Which may be transferred to an accredited
21 four (4) year college or university.

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23 **21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.**

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2 (d) The commission shall perform the following approval
3 functions:

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5 (i) Approve all new academic programs, including
6 applied baccalaureate degree programs, qualifying for state
7 funding pursuant to the statewide community college strategic
8 plan developed under subsection (h) of this section;

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10 (h) The commission shall prior to the beginning of each
11 biennial budget period, review, update and modify the
12 statewide college system strategic plan. The plan shall
13 clearly prescribe the components of the educational program
14 and attach program components to statewide system priorities.
15 This plan shall serve as the basis for state operational and
16 capital construction budget requests and funding of the
17 statewide college system for the applicable biennial budget
18 period. In developing, reviewing and updating the strategic
19 plan, the commission shall:

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21 (ii) Include mechanisms within the planning
22 process which adhere to the state's interests in establishing

1 a statewide college system identified as assuring statewide
2 access to:

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4 (A) Academic programs, including applied
5 baccalaureate degree programs;

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7 (B) Career-technical education and training
8 programs;

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10 (C) Dual and concurrent enrollment
11 programs; and

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13 (D) Remedial and continuing education
14 programs responding to needs of students, employers and the
15 state workforce, including program access through outreach or
16 coordinated electronic system technology.

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18 **21-18-303. District board generally; powers; board**
19 **approved additional mill levy.**

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21 (a) The community college district board may:

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1 (xvi) Confer degrees and certificates, including
2 applied baccalaureate degrees approved by the commission, and
3 grant diplomas as are usual for community colleges and
4 authorized under its accreditation by the regional
5 accrediting agency;

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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