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3 "AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; amending authorized
4 academic programs at the community colleges; authorizing a pilot
5 project to allow students attending a community college to earn
6 bachelor degrees through the community college or the University
7 of Wyoming; conforming Hathaway scholarship statutes; specifying
8 certain programs to be reviewed for future inclusion by higher
9 education institutions; specifying conditions for the pilot
10 program; requiring reports; making legislative findings; and
11 providing for an effective date."
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13 Page 1-lines 9 through 11 Delete entirely.
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17 Page 8-lines 1 through 7 Delete entirely and insert:
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19 **"Section 1.**
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21 (a) The legislature finds that:
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23 (i) The availability of bachelor degree programs in
24 Wyoming impacts Wyoming's ability to promote and achieve the goals
25 of the legislative and executive branches' economic and education
26 initiatives;
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28 (ii) There exists a need to increase the availability
29 of bachelor degrees in Wyoming to enable:
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31 (A) Increased educational opportunity,
32 particularly for students who must remain close to home for reasons
33 related to family, health or work while earning a college degree;
34 and
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36 (B) Increased skill development, which will lead
37 to economic expansion and diversification.
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39 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-18-320 is created to read:
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41 **21-18-320. Bachelor of applied science pilot program;**
42 **conditions.**
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1 (a) A community college may establish not more than a total
2 of four (4) bachelor degree programs in accordance with the
3 restrictions contained in this section. The community college may
4 establish and administer not more than two (2) community college
5 bachelor of applied science programs and a community college may
6 work with the University of Wyoming for the university to jointly
7 offer with the community college not more than two (2) bachelor
8 degree programs in any discipline at the community college. Each
9 program shall be approved by the community college commission. In
10 selecting and implementing programs under this section, the
11 colleges and the university shall consider workforce needs within
12 the state. The programs established under this section shall be
13 subject to the following:

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15 (i) Degrees earned from a program administered jointly
16 by the university and a college shall be conferred by the
17 University of Wyoming. Programs conferring a university degree
18 held at a community college shall allow a student enrolled in a
19 program to be able to receive all instruction and complete all
20 program requirements at the location of the community college in
21 a timeframe comparable to that if attending classes at the
22 university;

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24 (ii) If a college has requested the university to jointly
25 administer a program under this section it shall not request a
26 second joint program until at least ninety (90) days have elapsed
27 since the college's submission of the first program to the
28 university, unless every college without a program under this
29 section has notified the university that it does not plan to
30 propose a program;

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32 (iii) The university and the community colleges shall
33 endeavor to implement pilot programs not later than the 2020-2021
34 academic year;

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36 (iv) A college and university jointly administered
37 program shall be as requested by the community college. The
38 university and college shall implement a memorandum of
39 understanding for the program within sixty (60) days after the
40 university receives the request for the program;

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42 (v) Tuition and fees charged for enrollment in a
43 college and university jointly administered program provided under
44 this section shall be the amount charged by the community college
45 for comparable hours of instruction;

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1 (vi) Delivery of college and university jointly
2 administered programs, including division of tuition and fees
3 generated, shall be as mutually agreed by the university and each
4 college;

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6 (vii) Subject to paragraph (viii) of this subsection,
7 enrollment in a college and university jointly administered
8 program under this section may be curtailed at any time subject to
9 mutual agreement by the university and college;

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11 (viii) Any student enrolled in a program commenced
12 under this section shall be allowed to continue in the program
13 until the earlier of graduation from the program, disenrollment,
14 or five (5) years from initial enrollment, so long as satisfactory
15 academic progress is made.

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17 (b) The university and the community college commission
18 shall report to the joint education interim committee and the joint
19 appropriations committee on the status of the programs implemented
20 under this section by November 1 of each year.

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22 **Section 3.** W.S. 21-16-1303(f)(iv), 21-16-1304(b),
23 21-16-1305(a)(iii), 21-18-102(a)(i), 21-18-202(d)(i) and (h)(ii)
24 and 21-18-320(a)(xvi) are amended to read:

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26 **21-16-1303. Hathaway scholarship program; eligibility**
27 **requirements.**

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29 (f) Students meeting the requirements of this subsection
30 shall not be subject to the six (6) academic year limitation on
31 scholarships under this article, the satisfactory academic
32 progress requirements of W.S. 21-16-1304(c)(i) and
33 21-16-1305(b)(i) or the continuous enrollment requirements of W.S.
34 21-16-1304(c)(ii) and 21-16-1305(b)(ii), but shall be subject to
35 the following:

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37 (iv) Within the earlier of eight (8) years of initial
38 Hathaway scholarship eligibility or four (4) years of last
39 attending an eligible institution while receiving a Hathaway
40 scholarship, have enrolled at the University of Wyoming to complete
41 a ~~baccalaureate~~-bachelor of applied science degree or attending a
42 Wyoming community college to complete a bachelor of applied science
43 degree as authorized by W.S. 21-18-320 and have applied for
44 reinstatement of the student's Hathaway scholarship;

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46 **21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and honor**
47 **scholarships.**

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2 (b) Scholarships under this section shall be for a maximum
3 of the equivalent of eight (8) full-time semesters. ~~Except as~~
4 ~~specified under subsection (g) of this section,~~ A scholarship under
5 this section shall be available for attendance at a Wyoming
6 community college for not more than a maximum of the equivalent of
7 four (4) full-time semesters, except as follows:

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

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12 (ii) A scholarship for a student enrolled in a bachelor
13 degree program provided pursuant to W.S. 21-18-320 with attendance
14 at a Wyoming community college shall be for a maximum of the
15 equivalent of eight (8) full-time semesters.

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

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19 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S. 21-16-1303
20 is eligible to receive a Hathaway provisional opportunity
21 scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree as follows:

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23 (iii) A student who receives a scholarship under
24 paragraph (i) of this subsection and who earns a certificate from
25 the community college with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 may
26 extend the provisional opportunity scholarship to pursue either a
27 certificate or a degree at a Wyoming community college or if the
28 student earns a degree from the community college with a minimum
29 GPA of 2.25, may extend the scholarship to pursue a degree at the
30 University of Wyoming if the student maintains a minimum cumulative
31 GPA of 2.25 and otherwise remains eligible for a scholarship under
32 this article. A student who receives a scholarship under paragraph
33 (i) of this subsection, is enrolled in a bachelor degree program
34 provided pursuant to W.S. 21-18-320 with attendance at a community
35 college and has received a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 after
36 four (4) full-time semesters may extend the provisional
37 opportunity scholarship for an additional four (4) full-time
38 semesters to complete the bachelor degree if the student maintains
39 a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 and otherwise remains eligible
40 for a scholarship under this article. The scholarship under this
41 paragraph shall be for the same amounts and subject to the same
42 limitations as provided for scholarships under paragraph (a)(i) of
43 this section, except that the student may continue a bachelor
44 degree program provided pursuant to W.S. 21-18-320 or pursue either
45 an additional certificate or a degree and the student may use this
46 scholarship while attending a Wyoming community college or the
47 University of Wyoming.

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2 **21-18-102. Definitions.**

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4 (a) As used in this act:

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

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

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11 (B) Resulting in a bachelor degree in accordance
12 with W.S. 21-18-320;

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14 (C) Resulting in a credit bearing credential such
15 as a certificate; or

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

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20 **21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.**

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22 (d) The commission shall perform the following approval
23 functions:

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25 (i) Approve all new programs, including bachelor degree
26 programs to be provided pursuant to W.S. 21-18-320, qualifying for
27 state funding pursuant to the statewide community college
28 strategic plan developed under subsection (h) of this section;

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30 (h) The commission shall prior to the beginning of each
31 biennial budget period, review, update and modify the statewide
32 college system strategic plan. The plan shall clearly prescribe
33 the components of the educational program and attach program
34 components to statewide system priorities. This plan shall serve
35 as the basis for state operational and capital construction budget
36 requests and funding of the statewide college system for the
37 applicable biennial budget period. In developing, reviewing and
38 updating the strategic plan, the commission shall:

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40 (ii) Include mechanisms within the planning process
41 which adhere to the state's interests in establishing a statewide
42 college system identified as assuring statewide access to:

43
44 (A) Academic programs, including not more than
45 four (4) bachelor degree programs provided pursuant to W.S.
46 21-18-320 at each community college;

1 (B) Career-technical education and training
2 programs i 7

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4 (C) Dual and concurrent enrollment programs; i 7 and

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6 (D) Remedial and continuing education programs
7 responding to needs of students, employers and the state workforce,
8 including program access through outreach or coordinated
9 electronic system technology. i 7

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11 **21-18-303. District board generally; powers; board approved**
12 **additional mill levy.**

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14 (a) The community college district board may:

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16 (xvi) Confer degrees and certificates, including
17 bachelor of applied science degrees from programs provided
18 pursuant to W.S. 21-18-320, and grant diplomas as are usual for
19 community colleges and authorized under its accreditation by the
20 regional accrediting agency;

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22 **Section 4.**

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24 (a) The University of Wyoming, community colleges and the
25 community college commission shall evaluate the funding, other
26 implementation needs and appropriate timeframe to:

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28 (i) Establish health care provider programs at
29 community colleges. The commission, university and colleges may
30 consider potential undergraduate and postgraduate health care
31 provider programs under this paragraph;

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33 (ii) Re-establish a career and technical training
34 program by the University of Wyoming;

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36 (iii) Establish a baccalaureate program in education at
37 Central Wyoming community college.

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39 (b) The university and community college commission shall
40 consult with the department of workforce services, the department
41 of education, the economically needed diversity options for
42 Wyoming executive council and Wyoming business council regarding
43 the effect the programs specified in subsection (a) of this section
44 could have on economic development and diversification efforts in
45 Wyoming. The university and community college commission shall
46 report the results of the study under subsection (a) of this
47 section, including any responses by the entities specified in this

1 subsection and recommendations of the university and community
2 college commission, to the joint education interim committee not
3 later than September 1, 2019. The joint education interim
4 committee shall sponsor legislation implementing recommendations
5 of the university and commission as it determines appropriate for
6 consideration in the 2020 budget session of the legislature.

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8 **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon completion
9 of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by
10 Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution." . NICHOLAS