

ENROLLED ACT NO. 82, SENATE

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2009 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the Hathaway student scholarship program; appropriating funds for the administration and implementation of specified scholarship program administrative components and reporting functions; imposing reporting requirements on the use of appropriated funds; and providing for effective dates.

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

**Section 1.**

(a) For the period commencing on the effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2010, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the state superintendent to continue the task force established pursuant to 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 95, Section 1001, for purposes of reviewing and evaluating the addition of sign language as fulfillment of foreign language requirements under the Hathaway student scholarship program prescribed by W.S. 21-16-1307. The amount appropriated under this subsection shall be in addition to any other nongeneral funds or nonfoundation program account funds available for purposes of this section, which combined amount shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). This combined amount shall be expended by the state superintendent through the department of education for:

(i) Establishing cooperative partnerships with appropriate post secondary education institutions to develop course requirements for instructor certification in American sign language as a second language and to deliver courses in American sign language which may include distance education or concurrent enrollment;

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(ii) Developing an assessment instrument to determine proficiency standards for both highly qualified instructors and secondary education students;

(iii) Determining necessary procedures for providing Hathaway student scholarship program access to transfer students with successful completion of American sign language coursework.

(b) The state superintendent shall report final recommendations and proposed requirements for including American sign language as a foreign language component of the success curriculum to the joint education interim committee on or before October 1, 2009.

**Section 2.**

(a) One hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$157,000.00) is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education to establish a transcript data center within the department providing a common course coding capability between secondary schools. The transcript center will enable the department to provide required statistical studies and information to the legislature in accordance with W.S. 21-16-1308(c)(vii) and (viii), describing relationships between student high school coursework and subsequent student performance on required college entrance assessments and in enrolled post secondary programs.

(b) The amount appropriated under subsection (a) of this section shall be for the period beginning on the effective date of this section and ending on June 30, 2010, and shall be expended for necessary data software to enable automation of the course matching process between schools.

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(c) Not later than October 1, 2009, the department shall report to the joint education interim committee on the expenditure of funds appropriated under this section and on the status of the transcript data center.

**Section 3.**

(a) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education for implementation of the one (1) week unit of eighth grade instruction regarding preparation for post secondary work as required under W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(i)(C). The appropriation is for the period commencing on the effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2010, and shall be expended for student career assessments prescribed under W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(i)(C) in developing curriculum necessary for success in post secondary education programs and meeting standardized test requirements for scholarships available for post secondary education.

(b) The department shall report on the use of funds appropriated under this section to the joint education interim committee by October 1, 2009.

**Section 4.**

(a) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the state superintendent for expansion of participation in the WORKKEYS job skills assessment to Wyoming high school seniors interested in attaining certification in career readiness as offered through the department of workforce services. This appropriation is for the period beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,

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2010, and shall apply to test administration in the 2009-2010 school year at a date determined by the school district, and shall apply to high school seniors who have not previously taken the WORKKEYS job skills assessment. This appropriation shall be expended for contractual services necessary to provide for the assessment opportunity required under this section.

(b) In sufficient time to enable expanded assessment administration pursuant to this section during the 2009-2010 school year, the state superintendent in cooperation with the department of workforce services shall provide notice to school districts of the expanded assessment opportunity provided under this section together with the requirements and availability of career readiness certification upon successful completion of the WORKKEYS assessment.

(c) On or before October 1, 2010, the state superintendent and the department of workforce services shall report to the joint education interim committee on the expansion of the WORKKEYS assessment administration pursuant to this section, on the attainment of career readiness certification and on recommendations for continuation of expanded assessment opportunities.

**Section 5.** All appropriations contained in this act shall be considered one time funding and shall not be contained in any agency's 2011-2012 biennial standard budget request.

**Section 6.**

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective immediately upon completion

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of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided  
by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,  
section 4 of this act is effective July 1, 2009.

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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