

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0231

College credit retention.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) MacGuire, Burkhart,  
Harshman, Newsome, Paxton and Sweeney and  
Senator(s) Kinskey and Pappas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to post-secondary education; creating  
2 provisions governing how previously completed coursework  
3 may be used to earn a post-secondary degree or certificate;  
4 authorizing a student petition process; and providing for  
5 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. 21-16-1701 is created to read:

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COLLEGE CREDIT RETENTION

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14 **21-16-1701. Presumption relating to previously taken**  
15 **courses; hearing.**

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2 Any university or college receiving funding from the state  
3 of Wyoming shall presume in perpetuity that any college  
4 level credit hour previously completed with an acceptable  
5 grade in a Wyoming university or college shall remain valid  
6 and transferrable to any degree program. The university or  
7 college may, on a case-by-case basis, decline to accept the  
8 presumed credit hour when the previously completed course  
9 does not provide the necessary knowledge and skills for the  
10 course as administered when the student seeks to apply the  
11 credit. The university or college shall reduce to writing  
12 and provide to the student the reasons the student's course  
13 credit is not accepted. The student may challenge the  
14 decision not to accept the credit at a hearing before the  
15 board of trustees, or its designee, which designee shall  
16 not be the same person or governing body that made the  
17 initial decision. The student shall have the burden to show  
18 the previously completed course provides the necessary  
19 knowledge and skills for the course for which the student  
20 seeks to apply the credit. If the student makes a  
21 sufficient showing, the completed course shall satisfy the  
22 program requirement for which the student seeks to apply  
23 the credit. The Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act shall

1 not apply to the hearing. The board of trustees of the  
2 university and each college shall establish and implement a  
3 policy and process in accordance with this section.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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