

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0152

Hathaway eligibility requirements.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sommers and Senator(s) Kost

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program;  
2 specifying that the Hathaway success curriculum shall  
3 conform to high school graduation standards; repealing the  
4 current Hathaway success curriculum; making conforming  
5 amendments; 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. 21-16-1307(f)(i), (ii), (g) and by  
10 creating a new subsection (h) is amended to read:

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12       **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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14       (f) The courses set forth as success curricula  
15 requirements under this article shall be aligned with the  
16 student content and performance standards established

1 pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii). The department shall by  
2 rule and regulation:

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4 (i) Provide for each school district to submit,  
5 and the department to verify, a list of courses provided in  
6 the district which satisfy the success curriculum  
7 requirements specified in this section. The rules shall  
8 include a process to authorize and verify functional  
9 equivalents of courses specified in this section, including  
10 but not limited to review of ~~career technical education,~~  
11 ~~arts and music and~~ honor courses, college level courses  
12 offered to high school students and courses offered  
13 pursuant to W.S. 21-20-201. The verification process shall  
14 be completed in sufficient time for students registering  
15 for the subsequent school year to be apprised of the  
16 courses which meet the success curriculum requirements;

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18 (ii) Establish exceptions as necessary due to  
19 good cause to specific coursework within the success  
20 curriculum specified under this article for students  
21 attending or graduating from an eligible high school or a  
22 home-based educational program. ~~In addition, the department~~  
23 ~~shall waive any requirement for success curriculum~~

1 ~~coursework for fine and performing arts or~~  
2 ~~career vocational education for honor or performance~~  
3 ~~scholarship eligibility, upon written certification by the~~  
4 ~~superintendent of a district that these courses are not~~  
5 ~~available in the district to the student.~~ The department  
6 shall report any waiver granted under this section for the  
7 immediately preceding school year in its annual report, as  
8 required by W.S. 21-16-1308(d); and

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10 (g) In each odd-numbered year, the department, in  
11 consultation with the University of Wyoming, Wyoming  
12 community colleges and the community college commission,  
13 shall report to the governor and the joint education  
14 interim committee of the legislature on recommendations for  
15 modifications to the success curriculum requirements as  
16 provided under subsection (h) of this section, minimum  
17 cumulative GPA and minimum national percentile rank scores  
18 or minimum cumulative career-technical aptitude assessment  
19 scores contained in this article and recommendations for  
20 the adoption of statewide student assessment standards and  
21 scores to augment qualifying national percentile rankings  
22 or career-technical aptitude assessment scores, all to  
23 ensure that the Hathaway scholarship program is designed to

1 provide the desired incentives for students to pursue a  
2 rigorous curriculum and strive to achieve academic success.  
3 ~~The report shall also include any additional resources~~  
4 ~~which school districts, particularly those school districts~~  
5 ~~granted exemptions for students under paragraph (f)(ii) of~~  
6 ~~this section, may require to provide the success curriculum~~  
7 ~~and impacts of the Hathaway success curriculum on school~~  
8 ~~districts of different sizes.~~ The cumulative GPA  
9 requirements for performance under the success curriculum  
10 as provided under subsection (h) of this section shall not  
11 be restricted to those courses comprising the success  
12 curriculum, but shall be applied comprehensively to all  
13 courses included within each scholarship student's high  
14 school curriculum.

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16 (h) The success curriculum required to qualify for a  
17 honor, performance, opportunity or provisional opportunity  
18 scholarship under this article for students graduating from  
19 high school in school year 2021-2022 and each school year  
20 thereafter shall be:

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1           (i) The curriculum required for high school  
2 graduation pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii)(A) through  
3 (D);

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5           (ii) The standards for graduation adopted by the  
6 state board of education under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii); and

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8           (iii) The standards for graduation adopted by  
9 the applicable school district.

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11           **Section 2.** W.S. 21-16-1307(b) through (e) is  
12 repealed.

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14           **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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