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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO.

Special license plates-community colleges.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Landen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates;  
2 authorizing special Wyoming community college license  
3 plates; specifying requirements; providing for termination  
4 of the issuance of the special plates and report of the  
5 termination; providing for a fee and use of fees for  
6 student support and financial aid; creating a fund;  
7 providing a continuous appropriation; providing for  
8 administration; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an  
9 effective date.

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

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1           **Section 1.** W.S. 21-18-227 and 31-2-233 are created to  
2 read:

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4           **21-18-227. Support and financial aid fund for**  
5 **students; rulemaking authority.**

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7           (a) The commission is authorized to establish a  
8 support and financial aid fund for students at Wyoming  
9 community colleges. The fund shall include those monies  
10 collected by the Wyoming community college commission  
11 pursuant to W.S. 31-2-233 and such other gifts,  
12 contributions, donations, grants or other funds provided to  
13 the commission for purposes of this section. Financial aid  
14 funded under this section shall be in addition to any  
15 Hathaway scholarship awarded a student under  
16 W.S. 21-16-1301 et seq., but shall be considered for  
17 purposes of calculating unmet financial need for Hathaway  
18 need based scholarships awarded under W.S. 21-16-1306.

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20           (b) The commission shall promulgate rules necessary  
21 to carry out the purposes of this section, including  
22 procedures for application and selection of recipients of  
23 support and financial aid under this section. Monies in the

1 fund established under this section shall be used  
2 exclusively for student financial aid and for projects and  
3 programs that directly support students at Wyoming  
4 community colleges. The commission shall coordinate with  
5 community college districts in its administration of the  
6 support and financial aid authorized under this section in  
7 accordance with agreements with the districts.

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9 **31-2-233. Wyoming community colleges license plates.**

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11 (a) Any person required to register a vehicle in  
12 Wyoming pursuant to this article and interested in showing  
13 support for Wyoming community colleges may apply for and be  
14 issued distinctive Wyoming community colleges license  
15 plates for any motor vehicle that is not a commercial  
16 vehicle or multipurpose vehicle owned or leased by that  
17 person upon registration of the vehicle. The department may  
18 include as part of the application the option for the  
19 applicant to donate an additional amount in support of  
20 Wyoming community colleges. Application forms shall be  
21 available at all county treasurer's offices. Upon payment  
22 by the applicant of an eligibility fee of one hundred  
23 dollars (\$100.00), any additional voluntary donation amount

1 and the required fees under subsection (c) of this section,  
2 the county treasurer shall issue the Wyoming community  
3 colleges license plates. These license plates shall be  
4 displayed upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

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6 (b) The department shall assess an annual fee of  
7 fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a person to retain eligibility  
8 for Wyoming community colleges plates, but this annual fee  
9 shall not be charged in the year the person pays the  
10 initial application eligibility fee of one hundred dollars  
11 (\$100.00). The person may submit an additional voluntary  
12 amount in support of Wyoming community colleges when  
13 remitting the annual fee. The fee authorized under this  
14 section may be increased annually up to the percentage  
15 increase as shown by the Wyoming cost-of-living index as  
16 determined by the division of economic analysis of the  
17 department of administration and information.

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19 (c) Except as provided in this section, application  
20 for, issuance and renewal of the Wyoming community colleges  
21 license plates under this section shall be subject to the  
22 same vehicle registration requirements and fees as provided

1 in this article in addition to the fee required under  
2 W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii).

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4 (d) All application and annual fees for Wyoming  
5 community colleges license plates and monetary donations  
6 for Wyoming community colleges received under subsections  
7 (a) and (b) of this section shall be forwarded by the  
8 county treasurer to the state treasurer to be distributed  
9 to the Wyoming community college commission. Funds  
10 distributed to the Wyoming community college commission  
11 under this subsection are continuously appropriated for use  
12 as provided in W.S. 21-18-227.

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14 (e) The department may prepare any special forms and  
15 promulgate any rules necessary to carry out this section.

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17 (f) The department shall prescribe the design of the  
18 special license plate authorized by this section to show  
19 support for Wyoming community colleges, in consultation  
20 with the Wyoming community college commission. The design  
21 shall include an image of the bucking horse and rider as  
22 described in W.S. 8-3-117. The department shall arrange for  
23 production of the license plates. Following initial

1 approval, Wyoming community colleges license plates shall  
2 be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all license  
3 plates beginning with the year 2025 reissuance.

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5 (g) Unless one thousand (1,000) sets of license  
6 plates are issued under this section before  
7 December 31, 2031, the plates authorized under this section  
8 shall be eliminated from production and not later than  
9 January 15, 2033 the department shall report the cessation  
10 of production to the joint transportation, highways and  
11 military affairs interim committee and the Wyoming  
12 community college commission.

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14 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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