

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0193

Wyoming career technical pathway workforce strategy.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Henderson, Harshman and
Northrup and Senator(s) Kost and Nethercott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to workforce development; creating the
2 Wyoming career technical pathway trust fund; authorizing
3 funding for career technical training, internships,
4 opportunities and services; requiring rulemaking; conforming
5 provisions; authorizing a contract position; providing for
6 appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2612 is created to read:

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12 **9-2-2612. Wyoming career technical pathway trust fund;**
13 **career technical training, internships, opportunities and**
14 **services; reporting.**

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1 (a) The Wyoming career technical pathway trust fund is
2 created. The state treasurer shall invest the fund in
3 accordance with law. Monies deposited in the fund from any
4 source are intended to be inviolate and constitute a permanent
5 or perpetual trust fund.

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7 (b) The state treasurer shall credit earnings from the
8 Wyoming career technical pathway trust fund to a separate
9 account. The earnings in the separate account are
10 continuously appropriated to the department of workforce
11 services to be expended only for the following purposes:

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13 (i) To provide funding to public and private
14 entities for career technical internship training and
15 opportunities that match Wyoming employers with Wyoming high
16 school and postsecondary students. Any funding provided to
17 a receiving entity under this paragraph shall:

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19 (A) Be matched by the receiving entity by
20 forty cents (\$.40) for every sixty cents (\$.60) provided under
21 this section;

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1 (B) Not exceed ten thousand dollars
2 (\$10,000.00) for each intern placed;

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4 (C) Be provided in accordance with a contract
5 between the department of workforce services and the
6 receiving entity that ensures the intern placed receives
7 reasonable and lawful compensation for the services rendered.
8 For a receiving entity not under the absolute control of the
9 state, the contract shall also ensure the state receives
10 adequate consideration for the amount of funding provided.

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12 (ii) To provide career technical workforce
13 development services designed to train, retrain or upgrade
14 work skills for Wyoming residents;

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16 (iii) To fund other career technical training
17 opportunities administered by the department of workforce
18 services with the approval of the governor;

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20 (iv) For development and distribution of materials
21 by the department of workforce services designed to promote
22 the career technical training, internships, opportunities and
23 services under this section;

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2 (v) To pay reasonable administrative costs that
3 the department of workforce services incurs associated with
4 administering the career technical training, internships,
5 opportunities and services under this section.

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7 (c) Expenditures under paragraphs (b)(i) through (iii)
8 of this section shall be approved or disapproved by the
9 director of the department of workforce services based on
10 procedures, criteria and performance measures established in
11 rule.

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13 (d) The director of the department of workforce
14 services shall report annually to the governor, the joint
15 minerals, business and economic development interim
16 committee, the joint labor, health and social services
17 interim committee and the Wyoming workforce development
18 council on expenditures made under this section in the
19 preceding fiscal year and the results of the activities
20 funded.

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22 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-2601(d) and (g)(vii) is amended to
23 read:

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2 **9-2-2601. Department of workforce services; duties and**
3 **responsibilities; agreements with other agencies authorized;**
4 **definition; merger with department of employment.**

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6 (d) The department shall administer expenditures from
7 the:

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9 (i) Workforce development training fund as
10 provided in W.S. 9-2-2604.~~The department shall administer~~
11 ~~expenditures from the~~

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13 (ii) Wyoming workforce development-priority
14 economic sector partnership subaccount within the economic
15 diversification account as provided in W.S. 9-2-2609 through
16 9-2-2611 and 9-12-1404.

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18 (iii) Earnings from the Wyoming career technical
19 pathway trust fund as provided in W.S. 9-2-2612.

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21 (g) The department shall take appropriate steps to:

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1 (vii) Administer contracts pursuant to W.S.
2 9-2-2608 and 9-2-2609 through ~~9-2-2611~~ 9-2-2612.

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4 **Section 3.**

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6 (a) There is appropriated twenty-five million dollars
7 (\$25,000,000.00) from the legislative stabilization reserve
8 account to the Wyoming career technical pathway trust fund
9 created under W.S. 9-2-2612. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008
10 and 9-4-207, this appropriation shall not lapse or revert at
11 the end of any fiscal period except upon further legislative
12 action.

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14 (b) There is appropriated one hundred thousand dollars
15 (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the department of
16 workforce services. This appropriation shall be for the
17 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
18 ending June 30, 2020. This appropriation shall only be
19 expended to fund one (1) at-will contract employee for the
20 purposes of this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of
21 law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended
22 for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
23 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by

1 law on June 30, 2020. This appropriation shall not be
2 included in the department of workforce service's 2021-2022
3 standard budget request.

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5 **Section 4.**

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7 (a) On or before January 1, 2020, the department of
8 workforce services shall adopt any rules necessary to
9 implement this act.

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11 (b) Subject to available funding, on or before January
12 1, 2020, the department of workforce services shall begin
13 providing career technical training, internships,
14 opportunities and services under this act.

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

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