

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0214

Hathaway scholarship-college attendance.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Buchanan, Blake, Bonner,
Craft, Harshman and Shepperson and
Senator(s) Coe and Meier

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; limiting eligibility for
2 Hathaway opportunity scholarships to attendance at a
3 community college as specified; specifying applicability;
4 modifying reporting requirements; and providing for an
5 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. 21-16-1304(a)(i)(A), (B), (b) and (d)
10 and by creating new subsections (g) and (h) is amended to
11 read:

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13 **21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and**
14 **honor scholarships.**

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1 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.
2 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a scholarship to pursue a
3 degree or certificate as follows:

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5 (i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of
6 2.50 and a composite ACT score of at least nineteen (19), a
7 Hathaway opportunity scholarship for:

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9 (A) Eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) per
10 semester at an eligible institution as provided in
11 subsection (b) of this section if enrolled for twelve (12)
12 or more semester hours;

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14 (B) The amount provided under subparagraph
15 (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of
16 which is the number of hours for which the student is
17 enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12), if enrolled at
18 an eligible institution as provided in subsection (b) of
19 this section for at least six (6) and less than twelve (12)
20 semester hours.

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22 (b) Scholarships under this section shall be for a
23 maximum of the equivalent of eight (8) full-time semesters.
24 A scholarship under this section shall be available for

1 attendance at a Wyoming community college for not more than
2 a maximum of the equivalent of four (4) full-time
3 semesters. An opportunity scholarship shall be available
4 only for attendance at a Wyoming community college from
5 initial eligibility for the scholarship until the student
6 has successfully completed at least thirty (30) semester
7 hours at an eligible institution.

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9 (d) A student receiving a Hathaway honor scholarship
10 or a Hathaway performance scholarship who fails to meet the
11 GPA requirements of subsection (c) of this section
12 necessary to maintain that scholarship may be awarded a
13 Hathaway opportunity scholarship for attendance at an
14 appropriate eligible institution if he meets the
15 requirements necessary to maintain that scholarship. As
16 used in this subsection "appropriate eligible institution"
17 means a Wyoming community college until the student has
18 successfully completed at least thirty (30) semester hours,
19 except that if the student was enrolled at the university
20 at the time he failed to meet the GPA requirements
21 "appropriate eligible institution" shall include the
22 university and a Wyoming community college.

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1 (g) An opportunity scholarship reinstated pursuant to
2 subsection (f) of this section shall be available only for
3 attendance at a Wyoming community college until the student
4 has successfully completed at least thirty (30) semester
5 hours.

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7 (h) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.
8 21-16-1303 and is eligible to receive a Hathaway
9 opportunity scholarship under paragraph (a)(i) or
10 subsection (d) of this section shall be eligible to use
11 that scholarship at the University of Wyoming as provided
12 in this subsection. Once admitted to the University of
13 Wyoming under this subsection, an eligible student shall
14 not be required to enroll at the community college if he
15 continues to meet all applicable requirements of this
16 article. Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.
17 21-16-1303 and is eligible to receive a Hathaway
18 opportunity scholarship under paragraph (a)(i) or
19 subsection (d) of this section shall be eligible to use
20 that scholarship at the University of Wyoming if:

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22 (i) The registrar of records at the community
23 college in the closest geographic proximity to the eligible
24 student's residence certifies that the eligible student is

1 not able to enroll in two (2) or more prerequisite classes
2 necessary for completion of his declared major because
3 there are no seats available in the prerequisite classes
4 offered at the community college during the subsequent
5 semester;

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7 (ii) The eligible student is admitted to the
8 University of Wyoming and enrolls in one (1) or more of the
9 prerequisite classes he was unable to enroll in at the
10 community college.

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12 **Section 2.** This act shall be applicable to Hathaway
13 opportunity scholarships awarded for the 2012-2013 school
14 year and thereafter.

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16 **Section 3.**

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18 (a) Commencing with the 2016 report, the department
19 of education shall include in its annual report under W.S.
20 21-16-1308(c):

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22 (i) An analysis of the effects of the provisions
23 of this act on retention and persistence rates of Hathaway
24 program participants;

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2 (ii) Recommendations regarding legislation to
3 further the purposes of increasing retention and
4 persistence rates for Hathaway program participants.

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6 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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