

SENATE FILE NO. SF0093

WICHE repayment program-veterinary medicine students.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Western Interstate Commission for
2 Higher Education (WICHE) repayment program; including
3 veterinary medicine students under WICHE repayment program
4 requirements; providing applicability; 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. 21-16-202(b)(iv)(intro) and (C) is
10 amended to read:

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12 **21-16-202.** When binding; notice of ratification;
13 power of governor to appoint commissioners; powers of
14 commissioners generally; appropriation of monies.

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1 (b) In addition to those powers granted to the
2 commissioners in the compact, the commissioners are
3 directed and empowered:

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5 (iv) In the interest of recruiting veterinarian
6 and health care professionals to Wyoming, to impose a
7 repayment program for participating students in veterinary
8 medicine, dentistry, medicine, podiatry, occupational
9 therapy, physical therapy, optometry, physician assistant
10 programs and osteopathic medicine and obtain an agreement
11 from each student first admitted as a WICHE program student
12 to a participating institution of higher education for the
13 ~~2013-2014~~-2021-2022 academic year and thereafter, subject
14 to the following:

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16 (C) Any amounts paid by veterinary
17 medicine, medical, podiatry, osteopathic, occupational
18 therapy, physical therapy, optometry, physician assistant
19 or dental students in accordance with the contractual
20 arrangements authorized under this paragraph shall be
21 credited to a WICHE program repayment account which shall
22 be expended upon appropriation by the legislature;

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-16-202(b)(iv)(D) is repealed.

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3 **Section 3.** This act does not affect any agreement
4 entered into pursuant to W.S. 21-16-202(b)(iv) before the
5 effective date of this act.

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

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