

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0109

ENROLLED ACT NO. 61, SENATE

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2019 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to government; continuing the educational attainment executive council; amending membership of the council as specified; providing duties; providing for staffing; requiring reports; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) The purpose of this act is to continue the work of the educational attainment executive council, created by executive order 2018-4. The educational attainment executive council is continued and shall consist of the following eleven (11) members:

(i) The president of the University of Wyoming or a designee, who shall serve as a council co-chairman;

(ii) A president of a Wyoming community college as selected by the community colleges' presidents council or a designee of the selected Wyoming community college president, who shall serve as a council co-chairman;

(iii) The superintendent of public instruction or a designee;

(iv) One (1) member of the executive council of economically needed diversity options for Wyoming (ENDOW) as selected by the governor;

(v) A school district superintendent as selected by the governor;

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(vi) A representative of the governor's office as selected by the governor;

(vii) The director of the department of workforce services;

(viii) The chief executive officer of the Wyoming business council;

(ix) An individual with expertise in the delivery of education to individuals on the Wind River Indian Reservation as selected by the governor;

(x) One (1) member of the Wyoming senate as selected by the president of the senate; and

(xi) One (1) member of the Wyoming house of representatives as selected by the speaker of the house.

(b) A majority of members of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the council.

(c) The educational attainment executive council shall:

(i) Establish a five (5) year strategic plan and a ten (10) year strategic plan to meet the needs of Wyoming's businesses and to reach the following educational attainment goals:

(A) By 2025, sixty-seven percent (67%) of Wyoming's working population, age twenty-five (25) to sixty-four (64), will possess a valuable postsecondary certificate or degree;

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(B) By 2040, eighty-two percent (82%) of Wyoming's working population, age twenty-five (25) to sixty-four (64), will possess a valuable postsecondary certificate or degree.

(ii) Convene stakeholders to develop the strategic plans;

(iii) Convene meetings with stakeholders and the public across Wyoming to obtain necessary information and suggestions on strategic plan elements;

(iv) Include an analysis of opportunities coordinated across priority economic sectors as identified by the executive council of ENDOW;

(v) Establish appropriate data metrics and performance indicators in the development of the strategic plans and communicate relevant data to the governor, state legislators and the public; and

(vi) Develop legislative recommendations to present to the joint education interim committee or the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee to effectuate the strategic plans as necessary.

(d) The educational attainment executive council shall be staffed by the Wyoming community college commission. The University of Wyoming, the seven (7) Wyoming community colleges, the department of education and the department of workforce services shall provide assistance to the educational attainment executive council as the council shall direct.

(e) The educational attainment executive council shall report quarterly on its progress to develop strategic plans

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to the governor, the board of trustees of the University of Wyoming, the Wyoming community college commission and the executive council of ENDOW. The educational attainment executive council, by September 1 of each year, shall report to the joint education interim committee and the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee on its progress to develop strategic plans. The council may also, by September 1 of each year, present any proposed education related legislation to effectuate the strategic plans to the joint education interim committee and any proposed economic development related legislation to effectuate the strategic plans to the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee.

(f) The council shall continue until December 31, 2022, at which point its existence shall cease. Members of the council who are legislators shall be paid salary, per diem and mileage as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as members of the council. Subject to constitutional limitations, members of the council who are employees or elected officials of the state of Wyoming shall be considered on official business of their agency or office and shall receive mileage and per diem in the manner provided by their agency or office. Any other member of the council shall be paid no salary but shall receive mileage and per diem at the same rate as state employees as provided by W.S. 9-3-102.

Section 2.

(a) There is appropriated fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office. This appropriation shall only be expended for providing payments authorized by section 1 of this act to legislative members of the education attainment executive council.

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(b) Funds appropriated under this section shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending December 31, 2022. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated under this section shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk