

**UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**WICHE (Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education)**  
**PSEP (Professional Student Education Program)**  
**October 1, 2013**

[Pursuant to W.S. 21-16-202(b)(iv)]  
To the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee

**Program Overview**

The State of Wyoming is an active participant in WICHE's PSEP program which is designed to assist residents seeking careers in health care for which professional education is not available in Wyoming. Wyoming joined the WICHE compact in 1950. See W.S. 21-16-201.

The State of Wyoming Legislature established an educational loan repayment program for all WICHE PSEP students matriculating in 2013 with the exception of veterinary medicine [W.S. 21-16-202(b)(iv)(D)]. Students receiving support from the state are obligated to engage in professional practice in Wyoming in their fields for three years or repay all amounts expended by the state for their educations.

**Required Report**

W.S. 21-16-202(b)(iv)(B) – Under this provision, the Wyoming WICHE Commission may relieve a student from repayment of a loan provided under this section for undue hardship. The provision requires the Commission to report to the joint labor, health, and social services interim committee on or before October 1 of each year the number of students who have been relieved of the obligation to repay the loan.

**Loan Repayment Update**

Since this agreement/repayment program did not go into effect until FY 2013-2014, there are no repayments yet. We do not anticipate any repayments until at least 2017.

The Wyoming WICHE Commission offered contracts to 22 students with 17 students accepting & receiving state support for FY 2013-2014.