

# 2014 Education Laws

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# H378- Idaho Day

This legislation would recognize March 4th as Idaho Day.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Rep. Bateman



# H385- Public School Facilities Cooperative Funding Program

This legislation grants the Public School Facilities Cooperative Funding Program panel authority to alter the scope of work on a project that has already been started, including termination of the project based on recommendations from the appointed district supervisor.

- Effective Date: February 13, 2014
- Sponsor: State Board of Education



# H452- State Employee Sick Leave

This legislation allows state education employees who transfer to a school district or charter school to transfer up to 90 days of sick time and allow district employees who transfer to a state education agency to have access to up to 600 hours of sick time for the purposes of retirement.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Department of Education



# H478- Lottery Dividend

This legislation allows the state to continue providing funding from State Lottery proceeds to help defray the cost of the public schools' Bond Levy Equalization program. HB 275 (2009) provided that future increases in State Lottery distributions would be deposited to the Bond Levy Equalization Fund, until such distributions equaled one-fourth of the total distributions. The legislation also provided that this funding would sunset on September 30, 2014. This legislation amends the sunset to July 1, 2019.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Department of Education



# H501- Grievance Procedure

This legislation provides definitions and direction on the appropriate subject matters for grievance. The bill provides the classified employee with a panel discussion at an earlier stage in an attempt to informally resolve issues and concerns between individuals to more quickly resolve disputes and includes some minor lengthening of deadline dates to provide additional time, including a weekend, to ponder next steps and prepare appropriate documentation. This legislation clarifies that "interested" individuals shall not participate in the appeal panel process. The bill also provides changes to the language with regard to personnel files in order to obtain consistency with personnel file language applicable to all public school employees.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Idaho School Boards Association



# H557- Use It or Lose It Flexibility

This legislation eliminates the June 30, 2014 sunset on "use it or lose it" flexibility in instructional staff funding for public schools. Now that public school budgets are growing again, and school districts have more money available to hire instructional staff, this legislation begins a targeted approach of reducing the flexibility by 1% for each year in which a school district's average class size is at least one student above the statewide average class size, beginning in FY16.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Rep. DeMordaunt



# H568- Employment of a Spouse

This legislation revises the authority of school district trustees and public charter school board of directors regarding employment of a spouse. It also provides additional grounds for a category 1 contract issuance.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Rep. Gibbs



# H569- Alternative School Funding

This legislation closes a loophole in the state's funding formula for public schools, which would have allowed for the double-funding of some students if a very small school district with less than 100 secondary students established an alternative secondary school. Since the school district is fully-funded for 1-100 students through the secondary minimum of 8 support units, any students transferring from regular secondary to alternative secondary would have been counted and funded a second time on the alternative secondary table. This legislation only funds an alternative secondary school in such a small district if it was a regional program serving multiple small school districts on the secondary support unit minimum.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Department of Education



# H576- Driver Education Reports for Reimbursement

This legislation clarifies that school districts can submit driver education reports for reimbursement annually, rather than being required to submit them multiple times throughout the year.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Department of Education



# H577- Math Initiative

This legislation codifies the Math Initiative, which has existed continuously since FY 2008, but has only existed pursuant to the annual intent language in the public schools appropriation bill.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Department of Education



# H589- School Safety

The legislation addresses the allocation of the public schools' share of Cigarette Tax revenues and the recommendations of the Safe Schools Task Force. This legislation also increases school district flexibility in the use of the balance of these funds by broadening its uses to include the development and implementation of school safety improvements, in addition to the traditional substance abuse prevention uses. As recommended by the task force, it also requires school trustees to have a school safety plan for each school, and to meet annually with first responders to update the plans.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Rep. McDonald



# H599- Maintenance Match Flexibility

This legislation provides more flexibility to school districts in coping with limited budgets, by providing one-third relief in FY15 from the requirement that school districts allocate a certain amount of funding for school building maintenance, under certain circumstances. This relief was provided in full for the FY10-FY13 period, and for two-thirds of these moneys in FY14, under the same circumstances. This legislation is consistent with the second year of a three-year, phased-in reinstatement of the maintenance match requirement approved in the FY15 Public Schools appropriation bill.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Department of Education



# H621- Bonding Sub-Districts

This legislation clarifies that a school sub-district duly created under the requirements of Title 33-351, Idaho Code may bond for the same purposes for which a regular school district may bond under Title 33-1102, Idaho Code.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Rep. DeMordaunt, Rep. Boyle



# S1229- Dual Credit MOUs

This legislation would eliminate the requirements that each individual school district have a memorandum of understanding with the governing board of each institution from which students take courses from.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Board of Education



# S1232- School Bus Drivers

This legislation would shield a school bus driver from civil or criminal liability in the event he or she comes to the aid of a rider who may be in danger.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Idaho Education Association



# S1257- School Bus Color

This legislation changes the color for school buses listed in statute to reflect the name of the color currently recognized internationally for school buses (national school bus glossy yellow, federal standard 595a, color number 13432). It will not require any buses currently in service to be painted.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Sen. Goedde



# S1264- Public Charter School Commission Secretary

This legislation allows the State Board of Education Executive Director to appoint a designee to serve as the secretary to the Public Charter School Commission, in order to avoid conflicts of interest.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Board of Education



# **S1275- Agriculture and Natural Resource Education Program Start-Up Grant**

This legislation would provide start up grants for new Agriculture and Natural Resource programs in Idaho schools.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Sen. Patrick, Rep. VanOrden



# S1317- Extending Sunset on Reduction in Force/Seniority

This legislation extends the sunset clause on H261 (2013) for one additional year to allow for further data collection.

- Effective Date: Upon passage and approval
- Sponsor: Idaho School Boards Association



# S1318- Extending Sunset on Evergreen

This legislation would extend the sunset clause on S1147a (2013) for one additional year to allow for further data collection.

- Effective Date: Upon passage and approval
- Sponsor: Idaho School Boards Association



# S1319- Extending Sunset on Reduction in Salary

This legislation would extend the sunset clause on S1040a (2013) for one additional year to allow for further data collection.

- Effective Date: Upon passage and approval
- Sponsor: Idaho School Boards Association



# S1321- Instructional Staff Hired After October 15th

This legislation allows the State Department of Education to accept revised data for salary-based apportionment calculations after October 15th. The department will do so in cases where a school district had attempted to hire a teacher prior to this date, and would otherwise lose funding due to the application of the "use it or lose" provision for instructional staff funding.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Department of Education



# S1322- 900 Instructional Hours for Alternative Secondary Schools

This legislation allows the State Department of Education to approve secondary alternative schools that provide a minimum of 900 hours of instruction time. State law has required 990 hours for grades 9-12 since 1991, although the administrative rule which set the requirement at 900 hours did not change until 1996. However, the approval forms used by State Department of Education were not changed in 1991 (or 1996), and programs have continued to be approved at the 900 hour requirement. This legislation aligns state law with this longstanding practice.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Department of Education



# S1323- Public School Income Fund Payments

This legislation changes the distribution schedule of formula funds for public schools by eliminating the October 1st payment and reallocating the payment amounts to August 15th and February 15th. This change will reduce the likelihood of an overpayment and workloads associated with making payments.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: State Department of Education



# S1326- Class Size Reporting

This legislation requires the State Department of Education to gather, compile, and report by grade, the number of students in every Idaho elementary school classroom. It also requires the State Department of Education to gather, compile, and report by grade and subject the number of students who regularly appear in an instructor's classroom or on his/her class roster in every secondary school.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Sen. Ward-EngelKing



# S1327- Life Threatening Allergies in School

This legislation authorizes schools to voluntarily maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors for the treatment of life-threatening allergic reactions. To provide protection from civil liability for schools and school staff when administering an epinephrine auto-injector in good faith. To amend the pharmacy practice act to allow exceptions so that schools may stock epinephrine supplies.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Sen. Heider



# S1342- Augmentation of Record on Appeal

This legislation provides a process for augmentation of the record on appeal. Additional minor language modifications are made for clarification as to the provision of administrative leave addressed in this statute.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Sen. Lakey



# S1372- Student Data Security

This legislation provides definitions, sets forth the procedure for sharing information, sets forth the procedure for changing data collected, and requires reporting to the legislature. It mandates that the Office of the State Board of Education develop model policy for districts and requires districts to develop their own data security policy.

- Effective Date: Upon passage and approval
- Sponsor: Sen. Goedde



# S1377- Local Control of Curriculum

This legislation clarifies that responsibility for curriculum adoption lies at the local school district trustee level.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Sen. Goedde



# S1396- Test Review Committee

This legislation provides for the organization of a review committee consisting of parents, teachers, and administrators representing public and charter schools in all six regions of the state. The committee will be comprised of 30 people serving staggered four year terms. They will be charged with reviewing and suggesting recommendations to the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to revise or eliminate certain summative computer adaptive test questions.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Sen. Goedde, Sen. Mortimer



# S1410- Wireless Technology Standard

The current wireless appropriation for education refers to standards to be met for local school districts to obtain funding. This bill sets forth those standards, including functionality, validation testing, content filtering and wireless security.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2014
- Sponsor: Sen. Goedde



# Questions?

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