IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1267

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1   AN ACT
2   RELATING TO STEM EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE
3   ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-523, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS
4   REGARDING A STEM DIPLOMA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6   SECTION 1. That Chapter 5, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
7   hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
8   ignated as Section 33-523, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9   33-523. STEM DIPLOMA. (1) For purposes of this section, "STEM" means
10   science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
11   (2) A public school student who successfully completes all graduation
12   requirements established by the state board of education shall receive a
13   high school diploma designated as a STEM diploma if the student earned at
14   least:
15   (a) Eight (8) credits in mathematics;
16   (b) Eight (8) credits in science; and
17   (c) In addition to the credits listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this
18   subsection, five (5) credits in the student's choice of any or all sub-
19   jects of science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
20   (3) This section does not require a student to complete more than the
21   total credits required to graduate as determined by the state board of educa-
22   tion.
23   (4) A student who has completed eight (8) or more credits in mathemat-
24   ics that include algebra II or a higher-level mathematics class before the
25   student's senior year is not required to take a mathematics class in the stu-
26   dent's senior year.
27   (5) Each school district and public charter school may create a diploma
28   with a special STEM designation for students who meet the requirements of
29   this section.
30   (6) The state board of education may promulgate rules necessary to im-
31   plement the provisions of this section.

32   SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
33   declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
34   passage and approval.