

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon (Beiswenger), Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Yamamoto, McCann, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

RS 29564: **Rep. Yamamoto** presented **RS 29564** which proposes a change in career ladder placement. She shared how this will enable out of state teachers to be placed on the correct rung. She discussed the proposed change on page 7 line 24 to change the word from both to but.

MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to introduce **RS 29564** as amended. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29371: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 29371** which would require school districts to require preapproval of all supplemental curriculum. She explained how this would require the board of trustees to approve all supplemental curriculum.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Boyle** shared supplemental curriculum is not defined with Idaho Code. She discussed how many materials found in a teacher's lesson plans have already been approved.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to return **RS 29371** to the sponsor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 29371**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 29372: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 29372** which would require the district curricular materials adoption committee to be made up of 12 members of different groups.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 29372**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 29482: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 29482** which would require substitute teachers when hired to be tested for drugs.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Boyle** shared there are currently no state wide requirements for teachers to be tested for drugs. She explained how it would be up to the school district to determine who pays for the test. She discussed upon employment of the district the substitute teacher would be required to take the drug test. **Rep. Boyle** shared the change in Idaho Code requiring a substitute teacher to have background check from five years to two years.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 29482**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch, Toone, McCrostie, and McCann** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

- RS 29448:** **Rep. Horman** presented **RS 29448** which would require funds appropriated for health insurance to be used for that purpose. She shared how it also assures retired school district and public charter school employees may use accrued sick leave benefits to purchase health insurance.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 29448**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29422:** **Rep. Horman** presented **RS 29422**. This proposed legislation would require the purpose and amount of levy funds to be above the ballot question.
- In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Horman** shared how this is a transparency bill and was not created because of a specific problem. She shared if the funds are not fully used they can be carried over to the next year and used for the same purpose.
- MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 29422**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- RS 29465:** **Rep. Marshall** presented **RS 29465** which would amend section 33-1212 of Idaho Code to redefine who can be a school counselor. This would allow Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors to become school counselors.
- In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Marshall** shared how the current requirements are in conjunction with the State Board of Education's requirements.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 29465**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29488:** **Marilyn Whitney**, Deputy Superintendent of Communications and Policy, State Department of Education, presented **RS 29488** which proposes an amendment to section 33-1802 Idaho Code. She shared how this would give additional support to teachers by providing interventions for students with dyslexia.
- Sen. Ricks** shared how this proposed legislation would help students with dyslexia.
- In response to Committee questions, **Sen. Ricks** discussed **S 1280** and the differences between **RS 29488** and **S 1280**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 29488**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

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Secretary