

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 303

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1004, IDAHO CODE, TO
 2 REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF ALLOWANCE;
 3 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION
 4 OF A NEW SECTION 33-1619, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL
 5 DISTRICTS MAY OFFER VIRTUAL SCHOOL INSTRUCTION, TO PROVIDE THAT
 6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY OFFER A BLEND OF VIRTUAL AND TRADITIONAL
 7 INSTRUCTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNTING AND REPORTING OF
 8 AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

11 SECTION 1. That Section 33-1004, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to
 12 read as follows:

13 33-1004. STAFF ALLOWANCE. For each school district, a staff allowance shall be
 14 determined as follows:

15 (1) Using the daily attendance reports that have been submitted for computing
 16 the February 15 apportionment of state funds as provided in section 33-1009, Idaho
 17 Code, determine the total support units for the district in the manner provided in section
 18 33-1002(6)(a), Idaho Code;

19 (2) Determine the instructional staff allowance by multiplying the support units by 1.1.
 20 A district must demonstrate that it actually employs the number of certificated instructional
 21 staff allowed, except as provided in subsection (5)(f) and (g) of this section. If the district
 22 does not employ the number allowed, the staff allowance shall be reduced to the actual number
 23 employed, except as provided in subsection (5)(f) and (g) of this section;

24 (3) Determine the administrative staff allowance by multiplying the support units by
 25 .075;

26 (4) Determine the classified staff allowance by multiplying the support units by .375;

27 (5) Additional conditions governing staff allowance:

28 (a) In determining the number of staff in subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section,
 29 a district may contract separately for services to be rendered by nondistrict employees
 30 and such employees may be counted in the staff allowance. A "nondistrict employee"
 31 means a person for whom the school district does not pay the employer's obligations for
 32 employee benefits. When a district contracts for the services of a nondistrict employee,
 33 only the salary portion of the contract shall be allowable for computations.

34 (b) If there are circumstances preventing eligible use of staff allowance to which a
 35 district is entitled as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, an appeal may be
 36 filed with the state department of education outlining the reasons and proposed alternative
 37 use of these funds, and a waiver may be granted.

38 (c) For any district with less than forty (40) support units:

1 (i) The instructional staff allowance shall be calculated applying the actual
 2 number of support units. If the actual instructional staff employed in the school
 3 year is greater than the instructional staff allowance, then the instructional staff
 4 allowance shall be increased by one-half (1/2) staff allowance; and

5 (ii) The administrative staff allowance shall be calculated applying the actual
 6 number of support units. If the actual administrative staff employed in the school
 7 year is greater than the administrative staff allowance, then the administrative staff
 8 allowance shall be increased by one-half (1/2) staff allowance.

9 (iii) Additionally, for any district with less than twenty (20) support units, the
 10 instructional staff allowance shall be calculated applying the actual number of
 11 support units. If the number of instructional staff employed in the school year is
 12 greater than the instructional staff allowance, the staff allowance shall be increased
 13 as provided in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this subsection, and by an additional
 14 one-half (1/2) instructional staff allowance.

15 (d) For any school district with one (1) or more separate secondary schools serving
 16 grades nine (9) through twelve (12), the instructional staff allowance shall be increased by
 17 two (2) additional instructional staff allowances for each such separate secondary school.

18 (e) Only instructional, administrative and classified personnel compensated by the
 19 school district from the general maintenance and operation fund of the district shall be
 20 included in the calculation of staff allowance or in any other calculations based upon
 21 staff, including determination of the experience and education multiplier, the reporting
 22 requirements, or the district's salary-based apportionment calculation. No food service
 23 staff or transportation staff shall be included in the staff allowance.

24 (f) A district may utilize up to five percent (5%) of the moneys associated with positions
 25 funded pursuant to subsection (2) of this section to defray the cost of providing virtual
 26 education coursework, including virtual dual credit coursework, without a reduction in the
 27 number of funded positions being imposed.

28 (g) For the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011, only, a district may shift up
 29 to two and sixty-three hundredths percent (2.63%) of the positions funded pursuant to
 30 subsection (2) of this section to federal funds, without a reduction in the number of
 31 funded positions being imposed.

32 (6) In the event that the staff allowance in any category is insufficient to meet
 33 accreditation standards, a district may appeal to the state board of education, demonstrating the
 34 insufficiency, and the state board may grant a waiver authorizing sufficient additional staff to
 35 be included within the staff allowance to meet accreditation standards. Such a waiver shall be
 36 limited to one (1) year, but may be renewed upon showing of continuing justification.

37 SECTION 2. That Chapter 16, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended
 38 by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 33-1619,
 39 Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

40 33-1619. VIRTUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. School districts may offer instruction
 41 in the manner described for a virtual school in section 33-5202A, Idaho Code. For programs
 42 meeting such definition, the school district may count and report the average daily attendance
 43 of the program's students in the manner prescribed in section 33-5208(8)(b), Idaho Code.
 44 School districts may also offer instruction that is a blend of virtual and traditional instruction.
 45 For such blended programs, the school district may count and report the average daily

1 attendance of the program's students in the manner prescribed in section 33-5208(8)(b), Idaho
2 Code. Alternatively, the school district may count and report the average daily attendance of
3 the blended program's students in the same manner as provided for traditional programs of
4 instruction, for the days or portions of days in which such students attend a physical public
5 school. For the balance of days or portions of days, average daily attendance may be counted
6 in the manner prescribed in section 33-5208(8)(b), Idaho Code.