

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1165

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE,
2 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-319, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
3 THAT CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL BE CONSIDERED RURAL SCHOOL
4 DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
5 SHALL BE CONSIDERED RURAL PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Chapter 3, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended
9 by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 33-319,
10 Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 33-319. RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS – RURAL PUBLIC CHARTER
12 SCHOOLS. (1) A school district shall be considered a rural school district if it meets one
13 (1) of the following two (2) criteria:

14 (a) There are fewer than twenty (20) enrolled students per square mile within the area
15 encompassed by the school district's boundaries; or

16 (b) The county in which a plurality of the school district's market value for assessment
17 purposes is located contains less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) residents, based on
18 the most recent decennial United States census.

19 (2) A public charter school shall be considered a rural public charter school if the school
20 district in which the public charter school is physically located meets the definition of a rural
21 school district, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. A public charter school that is also a
22 virtual school shall be considered a rural public charter school if over fifty percent (50%) of its
23 enrolled students reside within school districts that meet the definition of a rural school district
24 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.