

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1197

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 APPROPRIATING MONEYS FOR THE DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVA-
 3 LENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT ON PERSONNEL COSTS;
 4 DIRECTING SALARY REDUCTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the State Board of Education for the Di-
 8 vision of Vocational Rehabilitation the following amounts to be expended for the designated
 9 programs according to the designated expense classes from the listed funds for the period July
 10 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
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15	I. COMMUNITY SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT:				
16	FROM:				
17	General Fund	\$65,500	\$23,700	\$3,803,400	\$3,892,600
18	II. RENAL DISEASE SERVICES:				
19	FROM:				
20	General Fund	\$69,400	\$54,600	\$507,100	\$631,100
21	III. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION:				
22	FROM:				
23	General Fund	\$1,507,800	\$261,900	\$1,431,600	\$3,201,300
24	Rehabilitation				
25	Revenue and				
26	Refunds Fund			651,900	651,900
27	American				
28	Reinvestment Fund	194,000	336,600	\$766,700	3,037,300
29	Miscellaneous				
30	Revenue Fund			944,200	944,200
31	Federal Grant Fund	<u>6,690,100</u>	<u>1,228,200</u>	<u>130,500</u>	<u>6,979,500</u>
32	TOTAL	\$8,391,900	\$1,826,700	\$897,200	\$11,747,200
33	GRAND TOTAL	\$8,526,800	\$1,905,000	\$897,200	\$16,057,700
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1 SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is authorized no more than one hundred fifty-one (151) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, for the programs specified in Section 1 of this act, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

7 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to retain to the extent possible, our capable, quality employees who support the essential services and statutorily authorized programs that the citizens of Idaho expect. The Legislature finds these critical essential services to be those that maintain the health and safety of our citizens and the education of our children. While extending flexibility to the Governor and agency directors to manage the state workforce to the best of their ability during these difficult times, it remains the responsibility of the Legislature to identify priorities for the state workforce. The Legislature finds that reductions in personnel funding shall first be managed through salary reductions that impact all personnel fairly; secondly, be mitigated by the use of existing salary savings; thirdly, by using savings created by keeping newly vacated positions unfilled; fourth, by the use of furloughs; and lastly, as a last resort, by reducing the workforce. It is the intent of the Legislature that these policies shall be adhered to by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches to the extent allowed by law.

20 SECTION 4. SALARY REDUCTION. Inasmuch as salary reductions will save jobs; and inasmuch as a five percent (5%) reduction in personnel funding may create a reduction in force; and inasmuch as the state as a single employer of multiple departments and agencies is required by law to direct across the board salary adjustments; agencies and institutions shall reduce all salaries of classified and nonclassified employees, regardless of fund source, by three percent (3%) for fiscal year 2010, beginning on June 14, 2009, through June 12, 2010. Agencies shall use personnel cost savings, furloughs, and a reduction in force to manage the remaining two percent (2%) in funding reductions. The Division of Human Resources shall adjust all pay schedules for the classified personnel system downward to the extent that all beginning minimum salaries are three percent (3%) less than those in effect upon the date of passage of this law.

31 SECTION 5. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Section 4 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.