

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1210

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE
 2 BLIND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME
 3 EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; AUTHORIZING FUND DEPOSITS; DIRECTING THAT
 4 THE IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND ONLY OPERATE THE
 5 NECESSARY NUMBER OF COTTAGES; DIRECTING THAT THE IDAHO SCHOOL
 6 FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND ENTER INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS WITH
 7 ENTITIES THAT USE CAMPUS FACILITIES; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT
 8 FOR PERSONNEL COSTS; DIRECTING SALARY REDUCTIONS; AND DECLAR-
 9 ING AN EMERGENCY.
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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

12 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Idaho School for the Deaf and the
 13 Blind the following amounts to be expended for the designated programs according to the des-
 14 ignated expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30,
 15 2010:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	TOTAL
16 I. CAMPUS OPERATIONS:			
17 FROM:			
18 General Fund	\$4,096,200	\$529,800	\$4,626,000
19 Miscellaneous Revenue Fund	2,400	181,800	184,200
20 School for the Deaf and the Blind (Endowment) Fund		134,800	134,800
21 Federal Grant Fund	<u>35,300</u>	<u>168,800</u>	<u>204,100</u>
22 TOTAL	\$4,133,900	\$1,015,200	\$5,149,100
23 II. OUTREACH SERVICES:			
24 FROM:			
25 General Fund	\$2,386,400	\$256,600	\$2,643,000
26 GRAND TOTAL	\$6,520,300	\$1,271,800	\$7,792,100

30 SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Idaho School for
 31 the Deaf and the Blind is authorized no more than ninety-three and seventy-four hundredths
 32 (93.74) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2009, through June
 33 30, 2010, for the programs specified in Section 1 of this act, unless specifically authorized by

1 the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any
2 increased positions so authorized.

3 SECTION 3. The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind may deposit any funds ap-
4 propriated by Section 1, Chapter 293, Laws of 2008, in a contingency reserve fund created
5 pursuant to Section 33-3409, Idaho Code.

6 SECTION 4. The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind shall not operate any resi-
7 dential cottages beyond those necessary to provide single-gender accommodations for students
8 attending from locations that are too distant to participate in the campus day program. If an
9 additional cottage is necessary, the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind shall report to the
10 Legislature the justification and costs for the additional cottage.

11 SECTION 5. The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind shall enter into agreements,
12 including a schedule of fees, to cover the costs of general maintenance and utilities, with enti-
13 ties that use campus facilities on a regular basis.

14 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to retain to the
15 extent possible, our capable, quality employees who support the essential services and statuto-
16 rily authorized programs that the citizens of Idaho expect. The Legislature finds these critical
17 essential services to be those that maintain the health and safety of our citizens and the ed-
18 ucation of our children. While extending flexibility to the Governor and agency directors to
19 manage the state workforce to the best of their ability during these difficult times, it remains the
20 responsibility of the Legislature to identify priorities for the state workforce. The Legislature
21 finds that reductions in personnel funding shall first be managed through salary reductions that
22 impact all personnel fairly; secondly, be mitigated by the use of existing salary savings; thirdly,
23 by using savings created by keeping newly vacated positions unfilled; fourth, by the use of fur-
24 loughs; and lastly, as a last resort, by reducing the workforce. It is the intent of the Legislature
25 that these policies shall be adhered to by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches to the
26 extent allowed by law.

27 SECTION 7. SALARY REDUCTION. Inasmuch as salary reductions will save jobs; and
28 inasmuch as a five percent (5%) reduction in personnel funding may create a reduction in force;
29 and inasmuch as the state as a single employer of multiple departments and agencies is required
30 by law to direct across the board salary adjustments; agencies and institutions shall reduce all
31 salaries of classified and nonclassified employees, regardless of fund source, by three percent
32 (3%) for fiscal year 2010, beginning on June 14, 2009, through June 12, 2010. Agencies shall
33 use personnel cost savings, furloughs, and a reduction in force to manage the remaining two
34 percent (2%) in funding reductions. The Division of Human Resources shall adjust all pay
35 schedules for the classified personnel system downward to the extent that all beginning mini-
36 mum salaries are three percent (3%) less than those in effect upon the date of passage of this
37 law.

38 SECTION 8. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to
39 exist, Section 7 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.