

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1111

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1511, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR
RULES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 33-1511, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

33-1511. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION -- POWERS AND DUTIES RELATED TO
TRANSPORTATION. In addition to powers and duties of the state board of educa-
tion hereinbefore prescribed, the said state board shall:

(1) Designate a member of its staff as supervisor of school transporta-
tion responsible for a school bus driver training program and such program
shall provide for a qualified driver trainer for each school district and
with such duties as the board may prescribe;

(2) Adopt, publish and distribute, and from time to time as need there-
for arises, amend, minimum standards for the construction of school buses,
the basis of which standards shall be those incorporated in the latest report
of the National Conference on School Transportation, which report shall
be filed with the Idaho state police;

(3) Approve the form(s) to be used for the inspection of school buses;

(4) Authorize the supervisor of school transportation to conduct any
combination of in-depth program reviews, fiscal audits, and reviews of an-
nual reimbursement claims supporting documentation of each school district
pupil transportation program at a frequency adequate to ensure compliance
with state law, accuracy of data and reimbursement claims, and safety of
school buses. Priority for selecting districts for review and audit shall
be given to those districts that exceed both the most recent annual state
average reimbursable cost per mile and the state average reimbursable cost
per rider as calculated by the state department of education, unless the
supervisor of school transportation determines otherwise;

(5) Authorize the supervisor of school transportation, based upon re-
sults of program reviews, fiscal audits, and spot inspections as set forth
in section 33-1506, Idaho Code, to provide to school districts a list of re-
quired corrective actions, when necessary;

(6) Require school districts to submit progress reports on those cor-
rective actions developed by the supervisor of school transportation to the
state department of education at prescribed intervals until deficiencies
are corrected or the corrective actions no longer apply;

(7) Withhold all or a portion of a district's pupil transportation re-
imbursement funding in instances of noncompliance with the requirements of
subsection (6) of this section or section 33-1506, Idaho Code, provided that
a district may appeal to the state board of education for reconsideration, in

1 which case the state board of education may reinstate or adjust the withheld
2 funds.

3 (8) The state board of education shall promulgate rules authorizing lo-
4 cal boards of trustees to sell advertising space on school buses. Such rules
5 shall provide for the safe placement of such advertising and shall provide
6 for reasonable restrictions on advertising content.