

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 379

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS; REPEALING SECTION  
2 67-456, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO A SUNSETTED LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON  
3 HEALTH CARE; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION  
4 OF A NEW SECTION 67-456, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR IDAHO LEGISLATIVE  
5 OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS AND TO DEFINE A TERM; AND AMENDING SECTION  
6 67-451, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE MONEYS TRANSFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AC-  
7 COUNT ON A CERTAIN DATE EACH YEAR AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Section [67-456](#), Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
11 repealed.

12 SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
13 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
14 ignated as Section 67-456, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

15 67-456. IDAHO LEGISLATIVE OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS. Each member of  
16 the legislature shall have the ability each year to recommend for award a  
17 public school teacher, from a public school within the member's legislative  
18 district, for outstanding service to the public school students of the state  
19 of Idaho and who has a demonstrated record of improving student engagement  
20 and learning. The selection of the school and teacher to be nominated shall  
21 be made by the board of trustees of the school district selected by the leg-  
22 islator. In the case of a public charter school, a school shall be chosen by  
23 the legislator after which the governing board of the charter school shall  
24 nominate the teacher to receive the award. The nominating member of the leg-  
25 islator shall transmit the board of trustees' or governing board's selec-  
26 tion to the president pro tempore of the senate or the speaker of the house  
27 of representatives. Each member of the legislature may nominate only one  
28 (1) teacher annually. The award shall be five hundred dollars (\$500) each  
29 year per award recipient to be paid from the legislative account. The award  
30 recipient shall also receive a certificate measuring eleven (11) inches by  
31 fourteen (14) inches that includes the gold seal of the state of Idaho with  
32 a blue ribbon upon it; the signatures of the president pro tempore of the  
33 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives; and an allegorical  
34 figure representing history instructing youth. The nominating legislator  
35 shall present the monetary award and the certificate at an appropriate oc-  
36 casion to the teacher selected from the legislator's district. If the nomi-  
37 nating legislator is unable to present the award, it shall be presented by an  
38 administrator from the teacher's school or by the teacher's school district  
39 superintendent or by a member of the board of trustees. As used in this sec-  
40 tion, "public school teacher" means a classroom teacher in the public school  
41 or public charter school.

1 SECTION 3. That Section 67-451, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 67-451. LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNT CREATED -- DUTIES OF CONTROLLER -- DIS-  
4 BURSEMENTS FROM ACCOUNT -- REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS. (1) There is hereby cre-  
5 ated in the state treasury the legislative account. The legislative account  
6 shall consist of such moneys as are placed into it by other appropriations,  
7 by receipts paid into the legislative account, and the moneys appropriated  
8 and transferred into it according to the provisions of this act.

9 (2) There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund and trans-  
10 ferred into the legislative account, and commencing January 1, 2008, the  
11 state controller is authorized and directed to make such transfers in the  
12 amounts shown on each of the following dates in each year:

13	January 1	\$1,825,000
14	March 1	\$1,825,000
15	June 1	\$1,445 <u>98</u> ,000
16	September 1	\$1,660,000

17 (3) The president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house  
18 of representatives are hereby authorized to make expenditures out of the  
19 legislative account for any necessary expenses of the legislature and the  
20 legislative account is hereby perpetually appropriated for any necessary  
21 expenses of the legislature. Necessary expenses of the legislature shall  
22 include, but are not necessarily limited to, salaries and wages of officers,  
23 members, and employees of the legislature; consultants and other expert or  
24 professional personnel; travel expenses of officers, members, and employ-  
25 ees of the legislature; other current expenses incurred in any operation  
26 or function of the legislature; premiums for life, accidental death and  
27 dismemberment, hospital, medical, surgical and major medical insurance for  
28 members of the legislature during their terms of office; and for employees of  
29 the legislature during the period of their employment; and capital outlay  
30 items necessary for any operation or function of the legislature. The sig-  
31 nature of the president pro tempore of the senate or the speaker of the house  
32 of representatives on any voucher or claim for payment shall be sufficient  
33 authority for the state controller to pay the same. Expenses for any interim  
34 activity of the legislature or legislators shall be paid in the same manner.  
35 Expenses for any interim legislative committees shall be paid in the same  
36 manner, if previously authorized by concurrent resolution.

37 (4) The state controller is hereby directed to devise and implement a  
38 financial reporting and control system for the purposes of this act that ex-  
39 empts legislative expenditures from any other provision of law, and the leg-  
40 islative account shall be specifically exempt from the provisions of chapter  
41 35, title 67, Idaho Code, and shall be specifically exempt from the provi-  
42 sions of chapter 36, title 67, Idaho Code. Such system must produce a report  
43 as of the end of each calendar month that clearly shows additions to the ac-  
44 count, the unexpended balance in the account, the expenditures to date, and  
45 the expenditures for the month reported, suitably detailed in such manner  
46 as the presiding officers may instruct the state controller. A copy of such  
47 report must be delivered to the president pro tempore of the senate and the  
48 speaker of the house of representatives and to the governor by no later than  
49 the fifth working day of the following month.