

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1396

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 1,
2 TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-133, IDAHO
3 CODE, TO ESTABLISH A REVIEW COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE
4 WILL REVIEW CERTAIN TEST QUESTIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, TO PROVIDE
5 THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL MAKE A DETERMINATION, TO PROVIDE
6 FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, TO PROVIDE FOR STAFF SUPPORT, TO PROVIDE FOR
7 TERMS OF OFFICE, TO PROVIDE FOR ADJUSTMENT OF TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT NO
8 COMMITTEE MEMBER MAY RECEIVE COMPENSATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE
9 BOARD MAY SEEK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS
10 RELATING TO THE SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RULES.
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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

13 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to
14 ensure that parents of students, teachers and administrators in Idaho's
15 public education system can participate in reviewing the type and kinds of
16 questions that are posed in state assessments. This participation ensures
17 that Idaho maintains its sovereignty with respect to the education of our
18 children while ensuring that state assessments are appropriate and provide
19 a reasonable tool to assess the academic growth of our students as well as
20 assessing how well our education system is working.

21 SECTION 2. That Chapter 1, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
22 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
23 ignated as Section 33-133, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

24 33-133. ASSESSMENT ITEM REVIEW COMMITTEE.

25 (1) (a) The state board of education shall establish a committee con-
26 sisting of thirty (30) individuals, representing each of the six (6)
27 education regions of the state established by the state board of edu-
28 cation, to review all summative computer adaptive test questions. The
29 committee's review shall include reviews for bias and sensitivity. The
30 committee is authorized to make recommendations to the state board of
31 education and the state department of education to revise or eliminate
32 summative computer adaptive test questions from state assessments. The
33 state board of education shall make the final determination regarding
34 the adoption or rejection of the committee's recommendations. The com-
35 mittee established shall include the following members appointed by the
36 state board of education:

37 (i) Two (2) parents of public school or public charter school stu-
38 dents, selected from each of the six (6) education regions in this
39 state;

40 (ii) One (1) public school or public charter school teacher, se-
41 lected from each of the six (6) education regions in this state;

1 (iii) One (1) member who is an administrator of a school district
2 or public charter school, selected from each of the six (6) educa-
3 tion regions in this state; and

4 (iv) One (1) member from the district board of trustees or public
5 charter school board of directors, selected from each of the six
6 (6) education regions in this state.

7 (b) The state department of education shall provide staff support to
8 the review committee.

9 (c) The term of office of each committee member appointed shall be four
10 (4) years.

11 (d) The president of the state board of education shall adjust the
12 length of terms to stagger the terms of committee members so that ap-
13 proximately one-half (1/2) of the committee members are appointed every
14 two (2) years.

15 (e) No committee member may receive compensation or benefits for the
16 member's service on the committee.

17 (f) The state board of education may solicit recommendations for com-
18 mittee members from districts, public charter schools and other public
19 education stakeholders.

20 (2) The state board of education shall determine when committee recom-
21 mendations must be submitted to the state board of education and the state
22 department of education, provided that any such submission date must provide
23 adequate time for the committee to review summative computer adaptive test
24 questions before the assessment is administered to students. Adequate time
25 means no fewer than thirty (30) days from the date the committee is notified
26 of the summative computer adaptive test questions.

27 (3) The state board is hereby authorized to promulgate rules to imple-
28 ment the provisions of this section.