

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1171

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR FIS-
2 CAL YEAR 2016; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
3 POSITIONS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT
4 BROADBAND SERVICES; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT RELATED TO THE USE OF
5 FUNDS; AND PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT RELATED TO REPORTING REQUIRE-
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Superintendent of Public
10 Instruction, the following amounts to be expended for the designated expense
11 classes, from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30,
12 2016:

	FOR	FOR	FOR	FOR	
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	TRUSTEE AND	
	COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	BENEFIT	TOTAL
				PAYMENTS	
17 FROM:					
18 General					
19 Fund	\$5,179,100	\$4,240,700	\$1,500	\$6,324,600	\$15,745,900
20 Indirect Cost Recovery					
21 Fund	711,300	561,600			1,272,900
22 Driver's Training					
23 Fund	171,700	150,300	4,100	2,113,300	2,439,400
24 Public Instruction					
25 Fund	756,000	974,600	18,800	11,400	1,760,800
26 Miscellaneous Revenue					
27 Fund	279,900	184,100	9,400		473,400
28 Public Schools Other Income					
29 Fund	87,400	362,000			449,400
30 Federal Grant					
31 Fund	<u>4,761,100</u>	<u>12,195,000</u>	<u>33,200</u>	<u>82,200</u>	<u>17,071,500</u>
32 TOTAL	\$11,946,500	\$18,668,300	\$67,000	\$8,531,500	\$39,213,300

33 SECTION 2. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519,
34 Idaho Code, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized no more
35 than one hundred forty-two (142) full-time equivalent positions at any point
36 during the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, unless specifically

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

3 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is a legislative priority to provide
4 funding to enable schools to procure broadband services during the 2015-2016
5 school year. This funding is intended to protect Idaho's schoolchildren and
6 their education from disruption while the state works on a longer-term solu-
7 tion to pay for Internet-based curriculum and connectivity. Funding is pro-
8 vided for July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

9 SECTION 4. USE OF FUNDS. It is the intent of the Legislature that up to
10 \$6,300,000 from the General Fund provided in Section 1 of this act shall be
11 provided to schools to purchase broadband services in an amount equivalent
12 to what was procured as of March 26, 2015. (a) Schools shall have the power
13 to procure telecommunication services, including high-bandwidth connectiv-
14 ity, Internet access, and purchase equipment, and other related services as
15 necessary to provide for the continuation of broadband-related functions,
16 so long as all purchases are conducted in accordance with Idaho Code govern-
17 ing procurement. (b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall require
18 school districts to provide documentation to support all funds distributed.
19 Payments to schools for broadband and associated services shall be for the
20 nondiscounted portion of E-rate services, when applicable. (c) Equivalent
21 services shall be determined by the superintendent at the level of services
22 necessary to meet the educational needs of the students and to provide and
23 maintain necessary supporting equipment and infrastructure. When reim-
24 bursement is requested for this purpose, or as it relates to the expansion
25 of services or for the purchase of equipment, then the superintendent may
26 approve such requests after a cost/benefit analysis is conducted that justi-
27 fies the expansion or purchase of equipment. (d) The superintendent shall
28 have the authority to make advances of the money appropriated for this pur-
29 pose to schools as the superintendent deems adequate, as determined by the
30 demonstrated need and the cost of services to the school district. (e) This
31 is a fixed appropriation and any unexpended and unencumbered balance shall
32 revert to the General Fund.

33 SECTION 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. The Superintendent of Public In-
34 struction shall collect information from the school districts and report to
35 the Legislature and to the Governor as to the level of service purchased. The
36 superintendent shall also report the number of students using the services,
37 including, but not limited to, the number of students using the Internet,
38 the number of students taking online courses, the number of students using
39 online digital curriculum, and the number of students using other digital
40 tools.