

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1332

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 22, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-2213, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE INDUSTRY
3 PARTNER FUND AND RELATED PROVISIONS AND TO GRANT RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Chapter 22, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
8 ignated as Section 33-2213, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 33-2213. INDUSTRY PARTNER FUND. (1) There is hereby established in the
10 state treasury the industry partner fund. The fund shall consist of moneys
11 made available through legislative transfers and appropriations, and from
12 any other governmental source. The Idaho technical college leadership coun-
13 cil (TCLC) and the administrator of the division of professional-technical
14 education shall together administer the fund pursuant to the provisions of
15 this section, and for the purpose of providing timely access to relevant col-
16 lege credit and noncredit training and support projects. If practicable,
17 such training and projects may result in Idaho public college credits, cer-
18 tificates, certifications, qualifications or microcertifications of value
19 toward postsecondary certificates or degrees.

20 (2) The professional-technical colleges may work with regional in-
21 dustry partners to provide a rapid response to gaps in skills and abilities
22 using moneys from the fund. Any professional-technical college seeking to
23 use moneys from the fund for this purpose must submit a proposal documenting
24 established needs to the TCLC and administrator for approval. The TCLC and
25 administrator shall consider the proposals in light of regional demand,
26 labor market information, wage thresholds, impact potential and degree of
27 employer commitment. Preference will be given to proposals with multiple
28 employers, number of impacted workers and demonstrated commitment. Demon-
29 strated commitment must include a promissory contribution, either in terms
30 of cash or in-kind contribution to the project cost with highest consid-
31 eration given to match proposals. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of a
32 proposal, the TCLC and administrator shall notify in writing the profes-
33 sional-technical college as to whether the proposal has been approved.

34 (3) The state board for professional-technical education may promul-
35 gate rules to implement the provisions of this section.