LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-fourth Legislature Second Regular Session - 2018

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1222

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT
RELATING TO CAREER EDUCATION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1634, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING A QUALITY FUNDING MECHANISM FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR WORKFORCE READINESS; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1634, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING A QUALITY FUNDING MECHANISM FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR WORKFORCE READINESS; PROVIDING A SUNSET DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The Legislature recognizes the importance of secondary career and technical education courses and programs as opportunities for students to acquire workforce skills and to demonstrate college and career readiness. These education pathways are critical to building the state's talent pipeline to meet the need for a skilled workforce. To meet these education and workforce needs, the state must build capacity at the secondary level by providing school districts with support to recruit and retain instructors for career and technical education courses, acquire the equipment necessary to deliver those courses and establish student organizations to provide students with workforce experience and guidance on career and postsecondary pathways. The Career and Technical Education Program Quality and Workforce Readiness Incentive Program will encourage school districts to establish, build and maintain career and technical pathways and options for all students.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 16, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 33-1634, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

33-1634. CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM QUALITY AND WORKFORCE READINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM. (1) It is the ultimate goal of the legislature that every student have access to career technical education courses and programs that lead to workforce readiness certification.

(2) The state board for career technical education shall establish and administer a quality program funding mechanism for high-quality career technical education secondary programs and program technical assistance offered in grades 9 through 12.

(a) Quality program incentive funding will be available to high-performing approved career technical education programs in the areas of business management and marketing, engineering and technology, family and consumer sciences, health sciences, and skilled and technical sciences.
(b) Technical assistance funding will be available to approved career technical education programs in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, business management and marketing, engineering and technology, family and consumer sciences, health sciences, and skilled and technical sciences.

(c) The division of career technical education will develop criteria to evaluate each program and will award funding to those programs that meet or exceed the criteria established by the division for quality program funding and technical assistance funding. Specific criteria will be developed for each type of program. Types of programs will be defined by the state board for career technical education. All eligible career technical programs will be considered for funding. Eligible programs may not be career technical schools and must meet all eligibility criteria developed by the division of career technical education. The amount of each award will be determined each award cycle by the division of career technical education and will be contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

(3) The state board for career technical education may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

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(3) Workforce readiness incentive funding.
(a) Eligible career technical education pathway programs in any career technical education program area may receive workforce readiness incentive funds. Workforce readiness incentive funds will be distributed based on the number of secondary career technical concentrators who have demonstrated workforce readiness at the completion of the career technical education program.
(b) The division of career technical education will develop criteria to evaluate each program and will award funding to those programs that meet or exceed the criteria established by the division for quality program funding and technical assistance funding. Specific criteria will be developed for each type of program. Types of programs will be defined by the state board for career technical education. All eligible career technical programs will be considered for funding. Eligible programs may not be career technical schools and must meet all eligibility criteria developed by the division of career technical education. The amount of each award will be determined each award cycle by the division of career technical education and will be contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.
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SECTION 4. The provisions of Section 2 of this act shall be null, void and of no force and effect on and after July 1, 2019.

SECTION 5. The provisions of Section 3 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2019.