

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 01, 2018

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mortimer, Vice Chairman Thayn, Senators Winder, Nonini, Den Hartog, Guthrie, Crabtree, Buckner-Webb, and Ward-Engelking

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Mortimer** called the Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:00 p.m.

RS 26021 **Relating to Education; Amend and Make Technical Corrections. Vice Chairman Thayn** presented **RS 26021**, the purposed legislation removes the code making math a requirement in the senior year of high school. Six semesters of math are still required throughout a high school education.

MOTION: **Senator Nonini** moved to send **RS 26021** to print. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

RS 25851C1 **Relating to STEM Education; Amend and Establish Provisions. Senator Nonini** presented **RS 25851C1**. He stated the proposed legislation develops a new section of code granting a STEM diploma. He highlighted the credit requirements in math and science, which exceed the state graduation requirements.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Winder** questioned the purpose of an emergency clause. **Senator Nonini** replied there is a school in north Idaho with students graduating in May who would not be eligible to receive the diploma if not for the emergency clause. **Senator Winder** stated the reason does qualify as an emergency.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Thayn** moved to send **RS 25851C1** to print. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Winder** moved to approve the January 15, 2018 minutes. **Senator Nonini** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Mortimer passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Thayn.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1703 **Rules Governing Uniformity – Residential Schools. Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, Idaho State Board of Education (SBE) presented **Docket No. 08-0202-1703** and explained this rule was held due to the need for additional information. The requirement would require residential schools to meet health and safety standards to be fully accredited.

MOTION: **Senator Guthrie** moved to accept **Docket No. 08-0202-1703**. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1710 **Rules Governing Thoroughness – Idaho Content Standards. Ms. Bent** presented **Docket No. 08-0203-1710** and explained this is regarding Career & Technical Education (CTE) content standards and the early childhood section is being amended. **Ms. Bent** explained the early childhood standards have been decreased. The incorporated rules standards are now found in the proposed changes.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Den Hartog** requested to learn more about performance standard, which outlines applying the knowledge of developmental theories. **Ms. Bent** referred to Steve Rayborn, Deputy Administrator, CTE. **Mr. Rayborn** stated the original rules were developed to educate a teen-parent regarding childhood development and how to be a better educated parent. **Senator Den Hartog** asked if the current change is to provide education standards for early-childhood educators. **Mr. Rayborn** responded in the affirmative.

MOTION: **Senator Ward-Engelking** moved to accept **Docket No. 08-0203-1710**. **Chairman Mortimer** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Thayn passed the gavel to Chairman Mortimer.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Senator Dean Mortimer
Chair

LeAnn Mohr
Secretary

Samuel Griffin
Assistant-Secretary