

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND REQUESTING THAT THE STATE BOARD OF
3 EDUCATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES TO
4 THE TENTH GRADE IDAHO STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST.

5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, the federal government requires an assessment aligned to
7 state content standards to measure student academic performance in grades 3
8 through 8 and once in high school; and

9 WHEREAS, Idaho currently uses the Idaho Standards Achievement Test
10 (ISAT) to fulfill federal requirements; and

11 WHEREAS, many high school students have little motivation to do well on
12 the ISAT, making the test data of little value as a measure of student learn-
13 ing; and

14 WHEREAS, federal requirements allow for more state flexibility, in-
15 cluding replacing the ISAT with other tests such as the SAT; and

16 WHEREAS, Idaho already gives the SAT to all high school juniors; and

17 WHEREAS, students have more incentive to do well on the SAT, which would
18 result in better data to understand student learning.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
20 sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Repre-
21 sentatives concurring therein, that the Legislature requests that the State
22 Board of Education and the State Department of Education work together to re-
23 search options to stop administering the grade 10 ISAT and replace it with
24 another assessment, such as the SAT.