

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1039

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-526, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RE-
3 GARDING A WORKFORCE READINESS DIPLOMA.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Chapter 5, 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 33-526, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 33-526. WORKFORCE READINESS DIPLOMA. (1) A public school student who
10 successfully completes all graduation requirements established by the state
11 board of education may receive a high school diploma designated as a work-
12 force readiness diploma if the student has:

13 (a) Successfully passed a technical skills assessment;

14 (b) Successfully passed the workplace readiness assessment; and

15 (c) Demonstrated competency of career technical education program
16 standards as identified within "skillstack" or a successor program and
17 earned the workforce readiness badge or a relevant industry certifica-
18 tion. A list of eligible certificates will be created by the division of
19 career technical education.

20 (2) (a) This section does not require a student to complete more than the
21 total credits required to graduate as determined by the state board of
22 education.

23 (b) A student may earn the last year of math and English credits through
24 a practical math or technical writing course.

25 (c) A student is encouraged to earn a relevant industry certification.

26 (3) Each school district and public charter school may create a diploma
27 with a special workforce readiness designation for students who meet the re-
28 quirements of this section.

29 (4) The state board of education may promulgate rules necessary to im-
30 plement the provisions of this section.