

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 21, 2021

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Thayn, Vice Chairman Crabtree, Senators Den Hartog, Woodward, Lent, Johnson, Cook, Ward-Engelking, and Nelson

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 Thayn** called the meeting of the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:03 p.m.

S 1006 **Relating to the Idaho Literacy Achievement and Accountability Act;** to Consolidate the Requirements for Literacy Intervention. **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, Idaho State Board of Education, outlined the bill and highlighted the changes.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Nelson** asked how often the literacy plan is updated. **Tracie Bent** said the plan is reviewed every five years and the last update was in 2020. **Senator Ward-Engelking** asked if any concerns had been received from stakeholders concerning the changes. **Ms. Bent** said no concerns had been submitted.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Crabtree** moved to send **S 1006** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

S 1007 **Relating to the Public School Employees;** to include a definition of salary schedule and a streamlined career ladder process for out-of-state instructional staff. **Ms. Bent** outlined the bill and highlighted the changes.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Den Hartog** asked how many states participated in the compact. **Ms. Bent** said 49 states participated.

MOTION: **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send **S 1007** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Thayn passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Crabtree to introduce the presenter for the rules being heard.

DOCKET NO. 08-0201-2001 **Rules Governing Administration (FTE Enrollment Reporting), p. 6.** **Tracie Bent** was present to answer questions about this rule.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Den Hartog** asked for clarification: If this piece of legislation for how to define enrollment was brought forward, what would the impact on future legislation be? **Ms. Bent** said statute always governs over rule.

Senator Den Hartog asked if the temporary rule currently in place would expire at the end of the session or the end of the school year. **Ms. Bent** stated the temporary rule would expire at the end of the session.

Chairman Thayn asked about the 1200-minutes per-week calculation for counting attendance. **Ms. Bent** said the pending rule establishes the methodology for calculating full-time enrollment. **Chairman Thayn** asked why we needed half-day sessions in the rule. **Ms. Bent** said the pending rule stays in effect until the end of the session. This rule will cover enrollment reporting to the end of the school year. **Chairman Thayn** asked if both methods to count enrollment were being used. **Ms. Bent** said yes and it will allow the Board to have two years of enrollment and attendance data to share.

Senator Woodward asked for sections 250.01, 250.04, and 250.05 to be struck from the rule prior to moving the motion forward.

Senator Den Hartog asked Ms. Bent if making these changes will impact the ability of the schools to offer the online learning format. **Ms. Bent** said the removal of these line items will not alter anything in place prior to the pandemic.

Senator Nelson asked if the removal of these subsections would affect the collecting of enrollment data. **Ms. Bent** said these changes would not impact the data collected.

MOTION: **Senator Woodward** moved to approve **Docket No. 08-0201-2001** with the exception of subsections 250.01, 250.04, and 250.05. **Senator Johnson** seconded the motion. The motion carried via **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 47-0101-2001 **Rules Governing Vocational Rehabilitation Services (New Chapter) p. 25.** **Ms. Bent** outlined the rule and highlighted the changes.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Nelson** asked if any stakeholder controversy had been received about this rule. **Ms. Bent** said all comments received are available to be read on the Board of Education website along with answers to stakeholders concerns.

Senator Cook asked what happens when someone fails the trial work experience. Ms. Bent turned the podium over to Teresa Pitt, Planning and Evaluation Manager for the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. **Ms. Pitt** said that before anyone fails out of the program, Vocational Rehabilitation evaluates the situation and then refers them to other state and federal programs to help them gain employment.

MOTION: **Chairman Thayn** moved to approve **Docket No. 47-0101-2001**. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Vice Chairman Crabtree** adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Senator Thayn
Chair

Florence Lince
Secretary