

1 ***EDUCATION ENHANCED FUNDING ACT OF 2023***

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4 **LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

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6 Sixty-seventh Legislature.

7 First Regular Session 2023

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9 **IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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11 **BILL No. _____**

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13 **By: Bipartisan_ with individual Legislators/SPONSORS from both Parties**

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15 **AN ACT**

16 RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES FUNDING; NAMING THE ACT “THE
17 EDUCATION ENHANCED FUNDING ACT OF 2023”; ESTABLISHING A RESTRICTED
18 “EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FUND” AND FUNDING IT WITH AN INITIAL \$1.2 BILLION;
19 PROVIDING FOR CATEGORIES FOR FUND DISBURSEMENTS AND PROTOCOLS FOR
20 AWARDED FUNDS; INCREASING THE ANNUAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENT
21 FROM 2% TO 7%; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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25 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE—This Act is named: “The Education Enhanced Funding Act of 2023.”

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27 SECTION 2. There is hereby established a restricted “Education Enhancement Fund” into which will be
28 appropriated \$1.2 Billion as of July 1, 2023. The funds are to be appropriated from sources determined by
29 the Legislature.

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31 SECTION 3. That disbursements from the fund are limited to the following purposes:

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33 1. Provide onetime time salary increases to public school, university, and college teaching faculty
34 and staff of 5% over and above their compensation for the 2022-23 school year.
35 2. Payoff of current supplemental levies of approximately \$218.2 Million.
36 3. Reimburse school districts for up to 25% of future supplemental levies.
37 4. Provide grants to school districts for up to 25% of the costs of new buildings and/or remodeling
38 of current plant facilities.

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40 Items 2, 3, and 4 will be disbursed pursuant to a protocol and application process established by the State
41 Board of Education. Item 1 will be a direct disbursement from this fund by the Legislature.

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43 SECTION 4. That the opening paragraph of Idaho Code Section 33-1019 be, and hereby is, amended to
44 read as follows:

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46 33-1019. ALLOCATION FOR SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE
47 REQUIRED. (1) School districts shall annually allocate moneys for school building

48 maintenance from any source available to the district equal to at least ~~two~~ seven percent (2
49 7%) of the replacement value of school buildings, less the receipt of state funds as provided in
50 this section. Any school district expending more than ~~four~~ seven percent (47%) of the
51 replacement value of school buildings for school building maintenance in any single fiscal
52 year, beginning with the expenditures of fiscal year 2005, may apply the excess as a credit
53 against the two percent (27%) requirement of this section until such credit is depleted or fifteen
54 (15) years have expired. The state shall annually provide funds to be allocated for school
55 building maintenance as follows: . .

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57 SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this statute are hereby declared to be severable and if
58 any provision of this statute or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared
59 invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this statute.

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61 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE--This statute shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2023.