The purpose of this legislation would be to make a few administrative changes in the current certification requirements to allow for individuals who complete an approved registered apprenticeship program to be eligible for certification. Proposed amendments to Section 33-1201, Idaho Code, allow for a student serving in a practicum, internship or student teaching position under the supervision of a certificated staff person to be paid and individuals who successfully complete an approved registered apprenticeship program to be eligible for standard certification. These two amendments would allow the State Board of Education to develop registered apprenticeship programs that meet the same standards as a traditional program and targets individuals who have not yet earned a baccalaureate degree.

FISCAL NOTE

These amendments would not result in any additional fiscal impact to the state. Salary based apportionment is limited based on a calculated staff allowance. The staff allowance is determined based on students in average daily attendance. Additional positions do not necessarily create a liability to the state general fund. Individuals participating in an approved apprenticeship program could will be paid, at the discretion of the school district or charter school, based on a locally set amount for participants of the apprenticeship program. Participating apprentice students would be able to serve as the teacher of record, but would not be reported as certificated staff. Additionally, various grants are available through the US Department of Labor to help develop or expand registered apprenticeship programs at the state level. School districts could apply for the grants or could use local funding sources to pay participants in an apprenticeship program.

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