

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

## Sixty-seventh Legislature

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IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1390

## BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 72-1204, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**4** Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

5 SECTION 1. That Section 72-1204, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
6 amended to read as follows:

72-1204. IDAHO LAUNCH GRANT PROGRAM AND IN-DEMAND CAREERS FUND -- DEFINITIONS. (1) As used in this section through section 72-1206, Idaho Code:

(a) "Board" means the state board of education.

(b) "Council" means the workforce development council established in this chapter.

(c) "Eligible adult learner" means an Idaho resident who is pursuing education or training for an in-demand career.

(d) "Eligible education expenses" means student tuition and fees at an eligible institution; however, in no case shall the council reimburse more than eighty percent (80%) of a program's total tuition and fees or more than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), whichever is less.

(e) "Eligible institution" means a training provider as recognized by the council under the workforce innovation and opportunity act or the workforce development training fund. Eligible institution also means a board of trustees of a community college established pursuant to the provisions of chapter 21, title 33, Idaho Code.

(f) "Eligible student" means a student who:

(i) Is an Idaho resident;

(ii) Will graduate from an accredited high school or its equivalent in Idaho as determined by the board beginning with the spring 2024 graduating class;

- (iii) Has enrolled in or applied to an eligible institution and begins enrollment in the fall semester following graduation, unless the council grants an extension for extenuating circumstances such as those outlined in section 72-1205, Idaho Code; and
- (iv) Has used next steps Idaho or an equivalent career exploration

program accepted by the council and has completed a career pathway plan that meets the minimum requirements established by the council.

"Grant" means an amount to be determined by the council that shall exceed eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) per eligible student.

(h) "Grant distribution platform" means a digital platform through which grant funds are transferred from the council to the account of a participant to be used for eligible education expenses.

(i) "In-demand careers" means careers that have a high number of openings in Idaho or an expected high rate of growth in Idaho have a positive

1       economic output for the state of Idaho and increase economic mobility  
2       for the people of Idaho. Factors including but not limited to the num-  
3       ber of openings, the rate of growth, the transferability of skills, the  
4       length of training program, and the wage potential may be incorporated  
5       to create a matrix of careers and training programs that align to in-de-  
6       mand careers. Careers that require a master's degree or higher shall  
7       not be included. In-demand careers are to be determined annually by the  
8       council based on job market data and shall be submitted annually in a re-  
9       port to the legislature by January 1.

10      (j) "Participant" means an Idaho resident for whom a grant is awarded  
11       under section 72-1205, Idaho Code, and who has met the minimum academic  
12       standards of, and has been accepted into, an eligible institution.

13      (k) "Program" means the Idaho launch grant program established by sec-  
14       tion 72-1205, Idaho Code.

15      (l) "Resident" means an individual meeting legal residency require-  
16       ments as defined in section 33-3717B, Idaho Code.

17      (2) The provisions of this section shall be null, void, and of no force  
18       and effect on and after July 1, 2029.

19       SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
20       declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
21       July 1, 2024.