

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS32767 / H0464

This appropriation to the Department of Education provides enhancements to the FY 2026 maintenance budget. This includes partial funding for new ISAT and IRI contracts, performance report card (funding was moved from a FY 2025 request to a FY 2026 enhancement), farm-to-school program, child nutrition technology grant program, and two new staff for special education services. The bill also includes onetime funding from the School Bus Camera Fund in FY 2025 and ongoing funding for FY 2026 to meet the requirements of Section 49,1422, Idaho Code that allows for the purchase of school bus stop-arms software, equipment, and training to enforce the provisions of the section.

This bill does not include funding for a second Indian education coordinator staff position, for a youth well-being assessment, drivers education reimbursement increases, or for the data dashboard and report card.

FISCAL NOTE

This appropriation provides an additional \$2,449,400 to the maintenance appropriation provided to the State Department of Education found in House Bill 341. Table 1 shows incremental adjustments to the budget found in the bill, of which the ongoing increase is \$435,000, and the one-time increase is \$2,014,400. Table 2 shows all the adjustments leading to the adjusted FY 2025 Total Appropriation of \$107,354,500 which includes a onetime supplemental appropriation of \$33,600. The total FY 2026 appropriation for the State Department of Education is \$44,702,200.

Table 1	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
1. Dispute Resolution Specialist	0.00	0	0	84,200	84,200
2. Special Ed - Charter Schools Specialist	1.00	42,100	0	42,100	84,200
3. Indian Education Coordinator	0.00	0	0	0	0
4. Youth Well-Being Assessment	0.00	0	0	0	0
5. Student Assessment Development	0.00	0	0	500,000	500,000
6. Drivers Education Reimbursements	0.00	0	0	0	0
7. School Bus Camera Fund Program	0.00	0	6,800	0	6,800
8. Farm to School Grant Program	0.00	0	0	264,000	264,000
9. Child Nutrition Technology Grant	0.00	0	0	144,400	144,400
10. Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI)	0.00	265,800	0	0	265,800
11. Performance Report Card	0.00	0	0	800,000	800,000
12. Data Dashboard & Report Card	0.00	0	0	0	0
13. Underperforming Charter Schools	0.00	0	300,000	0	300,000
Budget Law Exemptions/Other Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2026 Budget Enhancements	1.00	307,900	306,800	1,834,700	2,449,400
% Chg from FY 2026 Enhancements	0.8%	2.6%	2.8%	9.3%	5.8%

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Table 2	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2025 Original Appropriation	126.50	12,530,400	30,736,600	22,846,000	66,113,000
Prior Year Reappropriation	0.00	0	41,207,900	0	41,207,900
1. School Bus Camera Fund Program	0.00	0	33,600	0	33,600
2. IRI and Performance Report Card	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2025 Total Appropriation	126.50	12,530,400	71,978,100	22,846,000	107,354,500
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	(0.50)	(1,108,000)	(61,284,900)	(3,438,400)	(65,831,300)
Base Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2026 Base	126.00	11,422,400	10,693,200	19,407,600	41,523,200
Personnel Benefit Costs	0.00	63,100	24,700	55,500	143,300
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	46,400	8,700	41,000	96,100
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	212,200	88,700	189,300	490,200
FY 2026 Program Maintenance - HB 341	126.00	11,744,100	10,815,300	19,693,400	42,252,800
FY 2026 Budget Enhancements	1.00	307,900	306,800	1,834,700	2,449,400
FY 2026 Total	127.00	12,052,000	11,122,100	21,528,100	44,702,200
Chg from FY 2025 Orig Approp	0.50	(478,400)	(19,614,500)	(1,317,900)	(21,410,800)
% Chg from FY 2025 Orig Approp.	0.4%	(3.8%)	(63.8%)	(5.8%)	(32.4%)

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