

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 622

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1020, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING IDAHO DIGITAL LEARNING ACADEMY FUNDING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 33-1020, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-1020. IDAHO DIGITAL LEARNING ACADEMY FUNDING.

(1) (a) An amount of ~~four hundred forty-five dollars (\$445)~~ four hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$427) per enrollment shall be distributed to support the Idaho digital learning academy, created pursuant to chapter 55, title 33, Idaho Code. For the purposes of this section, an "enrollment" shall be counted each time an Idaho school age child enrolls in an Idaho digital learning academy class and continues to be enrolled in such class past the deadline to withdraw, where such withdrawal would not result in the class appearing on such child's transcript in any way. A single child ~~enrolled in multiple classes shall count as multiple enrollments~~ may be counted for only up to three (3) enrollments per school year, not including summer enrollments. Summer enrollments shall be included in the fiscal year that begins that summer. An enrollment shall be eligible for state funding only if:

(i) The student is enrolled full time in an Idaho school district or public charter school that is not entirely virtual;

(ii) The student is in grades 6 through 12;

(iii) The class is not a driver's education class; and

(iv) The student is not enrolled in a public school or public charter school that is located in a city with a population of more than fifty thousand (50,000) and is not enrolled in a custom section. A "custom section" means an Idaho digital learning academy class in which all enrollments are from one (1) school district.

(b) If a student wants to enroll in an Idaho digital learning academy class that does not meet the criteria for state funding under this section, such student may enroll in such class if the school district or public charter school pays the fees for the class as set by the Idaho digital learning academy.

(2) The state department of education shall make an estimated distribution of funds to the Idaho digital learning academy by no later than July 31 of each fiscal year, consisting of eighty percent (80%) of the estimated funding for the fiscal year. The balance of all remaining funds to be distributed, pursuant to the calculations in this section, shall be distributed by no later than May 15 of the same fiscal year. The state department of education shall reconcile the enrollments prior to the May 15 payment and

1 withhold or recover any costs necessary to align the funding with verified  
2 enrollments. The joint finance-appropriations committee shall consider  
3 adjusting the per enrollment amount each legislative session by a percent-  
4 age increase equal to the percentage increase approved for salary increases  
5 for instructional and pupil service staff pursuant to section 33-1004B,  
6 Idaho Code, and for administrative and classified staff pursuant to section  
7 33-1004E, Idaho Code.

8 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
9 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
10 July 1, 2026.