

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1060

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A
2 NEW CHAPTER 61, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PRO-
3 VISIONS REGARDING FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE
4 FOR CERTAIN FUNDING AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITH FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES, TO
5 ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING EARLY GRADUATION, TO PROVIDE FOR CER-
6 TAIN FUNDING AVAILABLE TO EARLY GRADUATES AND THEIR HIGH SCHOOLS, AND TO
7 PROVIDE DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended
11 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-
12 ter 61, Title 33, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

13 CHAPTER 61

14 OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READY STUDENTS

15 33-6101. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

16 (1) "Board" means the state board of education.

17 (2) "College and career readiness score" means the minimum score on
18 a college entrance examination indicating that a student is academically
19 ready to advance to an institution of higher education or to an occupation or
20 occupational training, as determined by the board.

21 (3) "College entrance examination" means the ACT, the SAT, or a similar
22 examination identified by the board.

23 33-6102. FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE. (1) A student is eligible to take a flexi-
24 ble schedule as provided in subsection (2) of this section if the student:

25 (a) Is at least sixteen (16) years of age;

26 (b) Maintains a cumulative 3.5 grade point average;

27 (c) Obtains permission from a parent or guardian, if under the age of
28 eighteen (18) years;

29 (d) Files notification with the student's school, including an essay of
30 at least one (1) page explaining why the student wishes to have a flexi-
31 ble schedule; and

32 (e) Achieves a college and career readiness score.

33 (2) An eligible student may, at the student's option and upon notifica-
34 tion to the student's school, be relieved from completing any remaining high
35 school graduation requirements. Such student shall have flexibility in the
36 student's schedule to:

37 (a) Take elective courses, career technical education programs, or
38 core courses as selected by the student and determined to be available
39 by the student's school district or public charter school;

40 (b) Participate in apprenticeships or internships;

- 1 (c) Act as a tutor at any grade level; or
2 (d) Engage in such other activities as identified by the board.

3 33-6103. FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE -- ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES FUNDING. A stu-
4 dent who opts for a flexible schedule pursuant to the provisions of section
5 33-6102, Idaho Code, may use the student's allotment of advanced opportuni-
6 ties funds for activities identified in subsection (2) of that section.

7 33-6104. EARLY GRADUATION. (1) A student is eligible to graduate early
8 as provided in subsection (2) of this section if the student:

- 9 (a) Is at least sixteen (16) years of age;
10 (b) Maintains a cumulative 3.5 grade point average;
11 (c) Obtains permission from a parent or guardian, if under the age of
12 eighteen (18) years;
13 (d) Achieves a college and career readiness score;
14 (e) Files notification with the student's school, including an essay
15 of at least one (1) page explaining why the student wishes to graduate
16 early; and
17 (f) Completes:
18 (i) The civics test required by section 33-1602, Idaho Code; and
19 (ii) The economics credit, government credits, and senior project
20 required under the board's graduation requirements, provided that
21 the student's senior project may describe the student's experi-
22 ence in achieving a college and career readiness score and include
23 a detailed explanation of the student's future plans.

24 (2) An eligible student may, at the student's option and upon notifica-
25 tion to the student's school, be relieved from completing any remaining high
26 school graduation requirements and graduate early.

27 (3) School districts or public charter schools must grant high school
28 diplomas to students who are eligible and opt for early graduation pursuant
29 to this section, but the school district or public charter school may indi-
30 cate on the diploma that the diploma was attained through achievement of a
31 college and career readiness score.

32 33-6105. FUNDING AVAILABLE TO EARLY GRADUATES AND SCHOOLS. If a person
33 graduates early under the provisions of this chapter:

34 (1) Funding in an amount equivalent to a portion of the annual aver-
35 age for student funding allocated by the state that would have been used to
36 educate the person shall, according to such parameters established by the
37 board, be distributed to an Idaho public postsecondary institution where the
38 person is pursuing higher education or occupational education or training,
39 to pay for tuition, fees, textbooks, or other expenses associated with such
40 education or training. Funding pursuant to this subsection shall be pro-
41 vided for each academic year or half-year that the person would have attended
42 high school but for graduating early, as follows:

- 43 (a) For an academic year, sixty-five percent (65%) of the annual aver-
44 age for student funding shall be made available to further the person's
45 education or training as provided in this subsection. The person must
46 graduate prior to the start of the academic year for which funding under
47 this subsection is made available; and

1 (b) For a half-year, thirty-two and one-half percent (32.5%) of the an-
2 nual average for student funding shall be made available to further the
3 person's education or training as provided in this subsection. The per-
4 son must graduate prior to the start of the half of the academic year for
5 which funding under this paragraph is made available; and

6 (2) Funding in an amount equivalent to thirty-five percent (35%) of the
7 annual average for student funding allocated by the state that would have
8 been used to educate such person shall be allocated to the school from which
9 the person graduated.

10 33-6106. DUTIES OF BOARD. The board shall:

11 (1) Perform duties specifically provided in this chapter; and

12 (2) Take such actions as are necessary to implement and enforce the pro-
13 visions of this chapter, including the promulgation of any necessary rules.