

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1114

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1636, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM, TO PRO-
3 VIDE THAT CERTAIN FUNDS SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR A TECHNOLOGY-BASED PRO-
4 GRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3 STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN
5 CONTRACT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY ESTAB-
6 LISH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REPORTS.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Chapter 16, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
10 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
11 ignated as Section 33-1636, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

12 33-1636. K-3 TECHNOLOGY-BASED PROGRAM. (1) As used in this section,
13 "technology-based program" means a program that:

14 (a) Contains content in reading, mathematics, science, or any combina-
15 tion of such subjects;

16 (b) Is designed to improve a child's elementary education;

17 (c) Requires less than one (1) hour of screen time per day;

18 (d) Is aligned with Idaho content standards;

19 (e) Is provided in a student's home and administered by a nonprofit
20 organization for purposes of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
21 Code;

22 (f) Provides a computer or home internet service, or both, for low-in-
23 come families as needed;

24 (g) Includes a parental engagement and involvement component, with
25 support models provided in English, Spanish, and other languages; and

26 (h) Includes an evaluation component with measures for student aca-
27 demic growth over the course of the program.

28 (2) Up to twenty percent (20%) of funds over twenty-six million dol-
29 lars (\$26,000,000) or two million dollars (\$2,000,000), whichever is less,
30 of funds allocated for kindergarten through grade 3 literacy intervention
31 shall be used to implement a technology-based program.

32 (3) Subject to the provisions of chapter 92, title 67, Idaho Code, the
33 state department of education will award a contract to a technology-based
34 program service provider that demonstrates previous success conducting
35 technology-based programs through independent, valid, and reliable evalua-
36 tions.

37 (4) The state department of education may provide eligibility criteria
38 for participation in the technology-based program; for example, limiting it
39 to children who reside in a:

40 (a) Low-income household;

41 (b) Community with a high concentration of English language learners;

42 or

1 (c) Rural or remote area.

2 (5) The state department of education will require the service provider
3 to submit quarterly reports to the department that contain measures for stu-
4 dent participation and academic growth over the course of the technology-
5 based program.