

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 05, 2016

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman VanOrden, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Boyle, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Mendive, McDonald, Dixon, Kerby, Pence, Kloc, Rubel

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Wills

**GUESTS:** Dwight Johnson, Amy Lorenzo, Steve Rayboral, Professional-Technical Education; Liz Hatter, Blake Youde, State Board of Education, Phil Homer, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Marilyn Whitney, Governor's Office, Clark Corbin, Educational News

**Chairman DeMordaunt** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**H 428:** **Jace Perry**, State Treasurer's Office, spoke to **H 428** on behalf of Christie Stoll. He said this legislation is a proactive move by the Idaho College Savings Plan to protect accounts from tax penalties when they are transferred to Unclaimed Property. The assets will not be liquidated, which would result in an unqualified withdrawal penalty of 10%. The money is left in the account until the owner or beneficiaries are found and given a chance to use the funds for educational purposes. The Unclaimed Property Division will help find the owner or beneficiary of the account.

In response to questions from the committee, **Mr. Perry** said if the owner is not found, both IDEAL and the Unclaimed Property Division try to find the beneficiary of the account.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **H 428** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to further questions from the committee, **Mr. Perry** said the college savings program administration keeps a data base of contact information, and uses that information to try to locate owners of accounts. After three years, if the account has not been claimed, and the owner and beneficiary are not found, it goes to the Unclaimed Property Division. The accounts are not turned over to the Unclaimed Property Division until the beneficiary has turned twenty-one. If some of the account is being used, it is not considered dormant or unclaimed. **Rep. Clow** added the dormancy period classification is for the protection of the owner, as unused accounts are easy targets for embezzlers.

**Cozette Walters**, Office of the Treasurer, added that the Unclaimed Property Division uses many sources of information, such as DMV records, social security records, and credit card data bases to locate owners of accounts. The program administration also advertises in radio, television, and on the internet to try to find owners of unclaimed property. For high value claims, the department does further investigative research to find owners of unclaimed property.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **The motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

- S 1210:** **Blake Youde** spoke to **S 1210**. He said this legislation changes the name of professional-technical education to career-technical education, which is a nationally-used term. The fiscal impact will be \$3,100, to change the name on the website, letterhead, business cards and other places.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to send **S 1210** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kloc** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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Representative DeMordaunt  
Chair

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Jenifer Cavaness-Williams  
Secretary