

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1045

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 46, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-4603, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RE-
3 GARDING ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES FUNDING FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Chapter 46, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
8 ignated as Section 33-4603, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 33-4603. ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES -- NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS. (1)
10 Subject to appropriation, students not enrolled in public school will be
11 eligible for seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) to use toward dual credits,
12 postsecondary credit-bearing examinations, and career technical educa-
13 tion certificate examinations. Students may access these funds in grades 7
14 through 12.

15 (a) Up to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per credit hour may be used
16 for dual credits. Dual credit courses must be offered by a regionally
17 accredited postsecondary institution. To qualify as an eligible dual
18 credit course, the course must be a credit-bearing 100-level course or
19 higher.

20 (b) The state department of education shall maintain a list of eligible
21 postsecondary credit-bearing or career technical education certifi-
22 cate examinations and costs. Eligible examinations include:

23 (i) Advanced placement;

24 (ii) International baccalaureate;

25 (iii) College-level examination program; and

26 (iv) Career technical education examinations that lead to an in-
27 dustry-recognized certificate, license, or degree.

28 (2) Moneys provided pursuant to this section may be used to pay an
29 amount not to exceed the price to the student of eligible courses and exami-
30 nations pursuant to the limitations stated in this section. Payments made
31 under this section shall be made from the moneys appropriated. No later than
32 January 15, the state department of education shall annually report to the
33 education committees of the senate and the house of representatives details
34 regarding the number of students benefiting from assistance with the cost of
35 dual credit courses and examinations, the number of credits awarded, and the
36 amounts paid pursuant to this section during the previous school year.

37 (3) The state department of education shall reimburse postsecondary
38 educational institutions, as applicable, for such costs, up to the stated
39 limits, within one hundred twenty-five (125) days of receiving the necessary
40 data upon which reimbursements may be paid. The submission method and time-
41 lines of reimbursement data shall be determined by the state department of

1 education. Payments shall be made only for activity occurring and reported
2 within each state fiscal year.

3 (4) If a student fails to earn credit or successfully complete a course
4 for which the department has paid a reimbursement, the student must pay for
5 and successfully earn credit or complete one (1) like course before the state
6 department of education pays any further reimbursements for the student.
7 Repeated and remedial courses are not eligible for funding under this sec-
8 tion.

9 (5) Schools must establish timelines and requirements for participa-
10 tion in the program, including implementing procedures for the appropriate
11 transcription of credits, reporting of program participation, and finan-
12 cial transaction requirements. Policies and procedures for participating
13 in the program established by the school must be such that students have an
14 opportunity to participate in the program and meet established timelines and
15 requirements for financial transactions, transcribing credits, and state
16 department of education reporting. Participation in this program requires
17 parent and student agreement to program requirements and completion of the
18 state department of education's participation form documenting the program
19 requirements.

20 (6) The state board of education and state department of education may
21 take such actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of this sec-
22 tion, including:

23 (a) The promulgation of any necessary rules; and

24 (b) Delegation of duties under this section to a third party, provided
25 that any contracts entered into with a third party shall be subject to
26 the provisions of chapter 92, title 67, Idaho Code.