

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1144

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EMPOWERING PARENTS; AMENDING SECTION 33-1030, IDAHO CODE, TO
2 DEFINE TERMS AND TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 33-1031, IDAHO
3 CODE, TO ESTABLISH A TUITION GRANT PROGRAM AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS
4 REGARDING CERTAIN GRANTS; AMENDING SECTION 33-1032, IDAHO CODE, TO
5 REMOVE DEFINITIONS AND TO REVISE LANGUAGE REGARDING A PARENT ADVISORY
6 PANEL; AMENDING SECTION 33-1033, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE REPORTING AND
7 EVALUATIONS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION
8 33-1034, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE EMPOWERING
9 PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM FUND; REPEALING SECTION 33-1030, IDAHO CODE, RE-
10 LATING TO DEFINITIONS; REPEALING SECTION 33-1031, IDAHO CODE, RELATING
11 TO THE EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM; REPEALING SECTION 33-1032,
12 IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE PARENT ADVISORY PANEL; REPEALING SECTION
13 33-1033, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO REPORTS AND EVALUATIONS; REPEALING
14 SECTION 33-1034, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT
15 PROGRAM FUND; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION
16 OF A NEW SECTION 33-1030, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING CHAPTER
17 10, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1031, IDAHO
18 CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING AN EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT
19 PROGRAM; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A
20 NEW SECTION 33-1032, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A PARENT ADVISORY PANEL;
21 AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW
22 SECTION 33-1033, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN REPORT AND EVALUA-
23 TION; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW
24 SECTION 33-1034, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH AN EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT
25 PROGRAM FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.
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27 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

28 SECTION 1. That Section 33-1030, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
29 amended to read as follows:

30 33-1030. DEFINITIONS. As used in this section through section
31 33-1034, Idaho Code:

32 (1) "Assessment" means an examination or another objective evaluation
33 of a student's academic performance, academic engagement, or college or ca-
34 reer readiness.

35 (2) "~~Board~~ Department" means the state ~~board~~ department of education.

36 (3) "Eligible education expenses" means:

37 (a) Computer hardware, internet access, or other technological devices
38 or services that are primarily used to meet a participant's educational
39 needs;

40 (b) Textbooks, curriculum, or other instructional materials, includ-
41 ing educational software and applications;

1 (c) Fees for national standardized assessments, advanced placement ex-
 2 aminations, examinations related to college or university admissions,
 3 or industry-recognized certification examinations;

4 (d) Therapies, including but not limited to occupational, behavioral,
 5 physical, speech-language, and audiology therapies, or other services
 6 or therapies specifically approved by the ~~board~~ department;

7 (e) Educational programs offered for a fee or pursuant to contract by a
 8 school district, public charter school, or career technical education
 9 program to nonpublic students, provided that such students may not be
 10 counted for purposes of calculating public school enrollment; ~~or~~

11 (f) Transportation of an eligible student to and from a facility where
 12 an eligible educational program is offered, including the use of pri-
 13 vately owned vehicles, which reimbursement shall use the annual United
 14 States general services administration private vehicle mileage rate,
 15 public transportation services, carpools, and ridesharing fees and ex-
 16 penditures; or

17 (g) Other education expenses and services as approved by the ~~board~~
 18 department, upon recommendation of the parent advisory panel estab-
 19 lished pursuant to section 33-1032, Idaho Code.

20 (4) "Eligible student" means a person in kindergarten through grade 12,
 21 whether a public school or nonpublic school student.

22 ~~(5) "Grant" means an award of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), which must~~
 23 ~~be used for eligible education expenses.~~

24 ~~(6) (5) "Grant distribution platform" means a digital platform through~~
 25 ~~which grant funds are transferred from the ~~board~~ department to participant~~
 26 ~~accounts.~~

27 (6) "Micro grant" means an award of one thousand dollars (\$1,000),
 28 which shall be used for eligible education expenses.

29 (7) "Parent" means the parent or legal guardian of an eligible student
 30 or a participant.

31 (8) "Participant" means an eligible student for whom a grant is awarded
 32 under section 33-1031, Idaho Code.

33 (9) "Program" means the empowering parents grant program established
 34 by section 33-1031, Idaho Code.

35 (10) "Tuition grant" means an award of six thousand dollars (\$6,000)
 36 that shall be used for academic instruction, including online instruction by
 37 a nonpublic school or the retention of certified Idaho educators for the pur-
 38 pose of academic instruction. "Academic instruction" means, at a minimum,
 39 teaching English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies,
 40 or an academic program approved by the department upon recommendation of the
 41 parent advisory panel established pursuant to section 33-1032, Idaho Code.

42 SECTION 2. That Section 33-1031, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 43 amended to read as follows:

44 33-1031. EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM. (1) There is hereby estab-
 45 lished the empowering parents grant program, which includes a tuition grant
 46 program described in subsection (7) of this section, to be administered by
 47 the ~~board~~ department according to the provisions of this section. The pur-
 48 pose of the program is to provide education grants for eligible students.

49 (2) In order to administer the program, the ~~board~~ department:

1 (a) Shall create and administer, or designate a third party to create
 2 and administer, a grant distribution platform for both micro grants and
 3 tuition grants;

4 (b) Shall establish a grant application process for parents for both
 5 micro grants and tuition grants;

6 (c) Shall, subject to appropriation, award grants. ~~Grant~~ Micro grant
 7 awards shall be made in the following order of preference:

8 (i) First to eligible students whose household has an adjusted
 9 gross income under sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), as verified
 10 by the Idaho state tax commission using the prior year's tax re-
 11 turns. Notification of grant awards for students in this category
 12 shall be made within thirty (30) days of application, and grant
 13 funds shall be made available for participants' use as soon as
 14 practicable, but no later than thirty (30) days after the notifi-
 15 cation of a grant award;

16 (ii) Starting sixty (60) days after grant awards in a fiscal year
 17 are made under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, to eligible
 18 students whose household has an adjusted gross income under sev-
 19 enty-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), as verified by the Idaho
 20 state tax commission using the prior year's tax returns; and

21 (iii) Starting sixty (60) days after grant awards in a fiscal year
 22 are made under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, to all other
 23 eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis until all
 24 available funds are distributed; and

25 (d) May take such other actions as are necessary to implement and en-
 26 force the provisions of this section.

27 (3) Providers of eligible education expenses shall provide such prod-
 28 ucts and services at competitive market rates.

29 (4) Prior to the award of a grant, the parent of a participant shall
 30 agree to verify program compliance. The parent of a participant shall use
 31 grant funds only for eligible education expenses. If a parent is found to
 32 misuse grant funds, then neither the parent nor another parent of the stu-
 33 dent living in the same household may apply for a grant in the future for
 34 any student, provided that the parent may appeal the finding to the board
 35 department.

36 ~~(4) Grant~~ (5) Micro grant and tuition grant funds shall be expended
 37 within two (2) years after they are awarded. Any unused funds at the end of
 38 the two (2) year period shall revert to the empowering parents grant program
 39 fund established in section 33-1034, Idaho Code.

40 ~~(5) Grant~~ (6) Micro grant awards per family shall be capped at three
 41 thousand dollars (\$3,000), regardless of the number of eligible students in
 42 the family.

43 (7) An eligible student may apply for a tuition grant on an annual ba-
 44 sis. The tuition grant process shall be governed by the following provi-
 45 sions:

46 (a) The department shall approve no more than two thousand (2,000) eli-
 47 gible student tuition grant applications each year.

48 (b) Tuition grant awards shall be prioritized according to the eligible
 49 student's household adjusted gross income level, with the lowest house-
 50 hold adjusted gross income levels receiving priority.

1 (c) An eligible student that receives a tuition grant may not receive
2 any other grant for any other eligible education expenses under this
3 section in the same year.

4 (d) The application period shall be open from January 1 to April 1. No-
5 notification of tuition grant awards shall be made on or before May 1.

6 (e) Tuition grant funds shall be dispersed on a quarterly basis. The
7 parent of an eligible student receiving a tuition grant award must in-
8 form the department when the tuition grant is no longer needed for the
9 purpose of tuition. If a parent or eligible student is found to misuse
10 tuition grant funds, then neither the parent nor eligible student liv-
11 ing in the same household may apply for a tuition grant in the future for
12 any student. The parent or eligible student may appeal a finding of mis-
13 use of funds to the department.

14 (f) The department shall ensure that parents of eligible students with
15 disabilities receive notice that participation in the tuition grant
16 program is a parental placement under 20 U.S.C. 1412, individuals with
17 disabilities education act (IDEA), and an explanation of the rights
18 that parentally placed students possess under IDEA and any applicable
19 state laws and regulations.

20 (g) Prior to the 2028 legislative session of the Idaho legislature, the
21 department shall review the tuition grant process and provide a report
22 to the Idaho legislature assessing the tuition grant sustainability,
23 accountability, and participant outcomes and recommend improvements,
24 if any.

25 (8) Grant and tuition grant funds do not constitute taxable income to a
26 parent or a student.

27 (9) Independence of nonpublic schools participating in tuition grants
28 is reaffirmed as follows:

29 (a) Nothing in the empowering parents grant program shall be deemed to
30 limit the independence or autonomy of a nonpublic school to make the ac-
31 tions of a nonpublic school the actions of the state government;

32 (b) Nonpublic schools shall be given maximum freedom to provide for the
33 educational needs of tuition grant students consistent with this sec-
34 tion;

35 (c) Nothing in the empowering parents grant program shall be construed
36 to expand the regulatory authority of the state, its officers, or any
37 school district to impose any additional regulation of schools and pro-
38 grams beyond those necessary to administer the requirements of the pro-
39 gram; and

40 (d) A nonpublic school that accepts a tuition grant payment pursuant to
41 the empowering parents grant program is not an agent of the state or fed-
42 eral government.

43 (10) The department shall perform the functions necessary for the ad-
44 ministration of the empowering parents grant program, including:

45 (a) Establishing or contracting for the establishment of an online
46 anonymous fraud reporting service;

47 (b) Establishing an anonymous telephone hotline for fraud reporting;

48 (c) Requiring a surety bond for nonpublic schools receiving more than
49 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in tuition grant funds; and

1 (d) Refunding payments from schools and programs back to the empowering
 2 parents grant program fund established in section 33-1034, Idaho Code.

3 (11) The department shall have the authority to refer suspected cases of
 4 intentional and substantial misuse of empowering parents grant funds to the
 5 attorney general for investigation.

6 SECTION 3. That Section 33-1032, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 7 amended to read as follows:

8 33-1032. PARENT ADVISORY PANEL. ~~(1) For purposes of this section:~~

9 ~~(a) "Executive director" means the executive director of the office of~~
 10 ~~the state board of education.~~

11 ~~(b) "Program funds" means funds distributed to parents pursuant to sec-~~
 12 ~~tion 33-1031, Idaho Code.~~

13 ~~(2) (1) There is hereby established in the office of the state board~~
 14 ~~department of education a parent advisory panel, which shall make recommen-~~
 15 ~~dations to the board.~~

16 ~~(a) As described in section 33-1030(3)(f), Idaho Code; and~~

17 ~~(b) On department on how to implement, administer, and improve the pro-~~
 18 ~~gram described in section 33-1031, Idaho Code.~~

19 ~~(3) (2) The parent advisory panel shall consist of seven (7) members.~~
 20 ~~Three (3) members shall be appointed by the governor, two (2) members shall~~
 21 ~~be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, and two (2) members~~
 22 ~~shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The mem-~~
 23 ~~bers must be parents of eligible students, with preference given to parents~~
 24 ~~who have applied for program funds or who, for the initial appointment of~~
 25 ~~the panel, have indicated their intent to apply for program funds, and par-~~
 26 ~~ents who intend to or shall use the grant program for nonpublic school tu-~~
 27 ~~ition, homeschooling, micro-schools, or the retention of certified teachers~~
 28 ~~for cooperative teaching. Members of the panel shall represent different~~
 29 ~~regions of the state. Members shall serve one (1) year terms at the pleasure~~
 30 ~~of their appointing authority and may be reappointed if they meet the eligi-~~
 31 ~~bility criteria described in this subsection. The executive director or the~~
 32 ~~executive director's designee shall serve as the nonvoting chair of the par-~~
 33 ~~ent advisory panel.~~

34 ~~(4) At the request of the board, the~~ The parent advisory panel shall
 35 meet, in person or virtually, to discuss and make recommendations ~~as de-~~
 36 ~~scribed in subsection (2) of this section regarding the grant process. The~~
 37 ~~department shall provide administrative support for the parent advisory~~
 38 ~~panel.~~

39 ~~(5) If a parent appeals a finding that program funds were used for a pur-~~
 40 ~~pose other than eligible education expenses, then the panel shall meet to~~
 41 ~~consider the appeal and recommend a decision on the appeal to the board.~~

42 SECTION 4. That Section 33-1033, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 43 amended to read as follows:

44 33-1033. REPORT AND EVALUATION. (1) By December 15 of each year, the
 45 ~~board~~ department shall report to the governor and the senate and house of
 46 representatives education committees:

1 (a) The total funds appropriated for the empowering parents grant pro-
2 gram in the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year;

3 (b) The number of applicants for the program in the current fiscal year
4 and the prior fiscal year;

5 (c) The number of grants awarded in the current fiscal year and the
6 prior fiscal year and how grant funds were used by participants; and

7 (d) Other matters concerning the program that are:

8 (i) Considered relevant by the ~~board~~ department; or

9 (ii) Specifically requested for inclusion in the report by the
10 governor or by any member of the senate or the house of represen-
11 tatives.

12 (2) By June 30, 2024, and every two (2) years thereafter, the ~~board~~
13 department shall designate a third party to evaluate the program. The evalu-
14 ation shall be conducted according to criteria set by the ~~board~~ department,
15 the senate and house of representatives education committees, and the joint
16 finance-appropriations committee.

17 SECTION 5. That Section 33-1034, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
18 amended to read as follows:

19 33-1034. EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM FUND. There is hereby es-
20 tablished in the state treasury the empowering parents grant program fund,
21 which includes a tuition grant program, to be administered by the ~~board~~
22 department. Moneys in the fund shall:

23 (1) Consist of the following:

24 (a) Legislative appropriations;

25 (b) Donations and contributions made to the fund; and

26 (c) Interest earned on idle moneys in the fund;

27 (2) Be continuously appropriated for the purpose described in subsec-
28 tion (3) of this section; and

29 (3) Be used to pay grants awarded under the empowering parents grant
30 program.

31 SECTION 6. That Section [33-1030](#), Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
32 repealed.

33 SECTION 7. That Section [33-1031](#), Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
34 repealed.

35 SECTION 8. That Section [33-1032](#), Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
36 repealed.

37 SECTION 9. That Section [33-1033](#), Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
38 repealed.

39 SECTION 10. That Section [33-1034](#), Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
40 repealed.

41 SECTION 11. That Chapter 10, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
42 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
43 ignated as Section 33-1030, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

1 33-1030. DEFINITIONS. As used in this section through section
2 33-1034, Idaho Code:

3 (1) "Assessment" means an examination or another objective evaluation
4 of a student's academic performance, academic engagement, or college or ca-
5 reer readiness.

6 (2) "Department" means the state department of education.

7 (3) "Eligible education expenses" means:

8 (a) Computer hardware, internet access, or other technological devices
9 or services that are primarily used to meet a participant's educational
10 needs;

11 (b) Textbooks, curriculum, or other instructional materials, includ-
12 ing educational software and applications;

13 (c) Fees for national standardized assessments, advanced placement ex-
14 aminations, examinations related to college or university admissions,
15 or industry-recognized certification examinations;

16 (d) Therapies, including but not limited to occupational, behavioral,
17 physical, speech-language, and audiology therapies, or other services
18 or therapies specifically approved by the department;

19 (e) Educational programs offered for a fee or pursuant to contract by a
20 school district, public charter school, or career technical education
21 program to nonpublic students, provided that such students may not be
22 counted for purposes of calculating public school enrollment;

23 (f) Transportation of an eligible student to and from a facility where
24 an eligible educational program is offered, including the use of pri-
25 vately owned vehicles, which reimbursement shall use the annual United
26 States general services administration private vehicle mileage rate,
27 public transportation services, carpools, and ridesharing fees and ex-
28 penses; or

29 (g) Other education expenses and services as approved by the depart-
30 ment, upon recommendation of the parent advisory panel established pur-
31 suant to section 33-1032, Idaho Code.

32 (4) "Eligible student" means a person in kindergarten through grade 12,
33 whether a public school or nonpublic school student.

34 (5) "Grant" means an award of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), which must
35 be used for eligible education expenses.

36 (6) "Grant distribution platform" means a digital platform through
37 which grant funds are transferred from the department to participant ac-
38 counts.

39 (7) "Parent" means the parent or legal guardian of an eligible student
40 or a participant.

41 (8) "Participant" means an eligible student for whom a grant is awarded
42 under section 33-1031, Idaho Code.

43 (9) "Program" means the empowering parents grant program established
44 by section 33-1031, Idaho Code.

45 SECTION 12. That Chapter 10, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
46 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
47 ignated as Section 33-1031, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

48 33-1031. EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM. (1) There is hereby estab-
49 lished the empowering parents grant program, to be administered by the de-

1 department according to the provisions of this section. The purpose of the
2 program is to provide education grants for eligible students.

3 (2) In order to administer the program, the department:

4 (a) Shall create and administer, or designate a third party to create
5 and administer, a grant distribution platform;

6 (b) Shall establish a grant application process for parents;

7 (c) Shall, subject to appropriation, award grants. Grant awards shall
8 be made in the following order of preference:

9 (i) First to eligible students whose household has an adjusted
10 gross income under sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), as verified
11 by the Idaho state tax commission using the prior year's tax re-
12 turns. Notification of grant awards for students in this category
13 shall be made within thirty (30) days of application, and grant
14 funds shall be made available for participants' use as soon as
15 practicable, but no later than thirty (30) days after the notifi-
16 cation of a grant award;

17 (ii) Starting sixty (60) days after grant awards in a fiscal year
18 are made under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, to eligible
19 students whose household has an adjusted gross income under sev-
20 enty-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), as verified by the Idaho
21 state tax commission using the prior year's tax returns; and

22 (iii) Starting sixty (60) days after grant awards in a fiscal year
23 are made under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, to all other
24 eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis until all
25 available funds are distributed; and

26 (d) May take such other actions as are necessary to implement and en-
27 force the provisions of this section.

28 (3) Providers of eligible education expenses shall provide such prod-
29 ucts and services at competitive market rates.

30 (4) Prior to the award of a grant, the parent of a participant shall
31 agree to verify program compliance. The parent of a participant shall use
32 grant funds only for eligible education expenses. If a parent is found to
33 misuse grant funds, then neither the parent nor another parent of the student
34 living in the same household may apply for a grant in the future for any stu-
35 dent, provided that the parent may appeal the finding to the department.

36 (5) Grant funds shall be expended within two (2) years after they are
37 awarded. Any unused funds at the end of the two (2) year period shall revert
38 to the empowering parents grant program fund established in section 33-1034,
39 Idaho Code.

40 (6) Grant awards per family shall be capped at three thousand dollars
41 (\$3,000), regardless of the number of eligible students in the family.

42 (7) Grant funds do not constitute taxable income to a parent or a stu-
43 dent.

44 (8) The department shall have the authority to refer suspected cases of
45 intentional and substantial misuse of empowering parents grant funds to the
46 attorney general for investigation.

47 SECTION 13. That Chapter 10, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
48 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
49 ignated as Section 33-1032, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

1 33-1032. PARENT ADVISORY PANEL. (1) There is hereby established in the
2 department of education a parent advisory panel, which shall make recommen-
3 dations to the department on how to implement, administer, and improve the
4 program described in section 33-1031, Idaho Code.

5 (2) The parent advisory panel shall consist of seven (7) members. Three
6 (3) members shall be appointed by the governor, two (2) members shall be ap-
7 pointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, and two (2) members shall
8 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The members
9 must be parents of eligible students, with preference given to parents who
10 have applied for program funds or who, for the initial appointment of the
11 panel, have indicated their intent to apply for program funds. Members of
12 the panel shall represent different regions of the state. Members shall
13 serve one (1) year terms at the pleasure of their appointing authority and
14 may be reappointed if they meet the eligibility criteria described in this
15 subsection.

16 (3) The parent advisory panel shall meet, in person or virtually, to
17 discuss and make recommendations as described in subsection (2) of this sec-
18 tion regarding the grant process. The department shall provide administra-
19 tive support for the parent advisory panel.

20 SECTION 14. That Chapter 10, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
21 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
22 ignated as Section 33-1033, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

23 33-1033. REPORT AND EVALUATION. (1) By December 15 of each year, the
24 department shall report to the governor and the senate and house of represen-
25 tatives education committees:

26 (a) The total funds appropriated for the empowering parents grant pro-
27 gram in the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year;

28 (b) The number of applicants for the program in the current fiscal year
29 and the prior fiscal year;

30 (c) The number of grants awarded in the current fiscal year and the
31 prior fiscal year and how grant funds were used by participants; and

32 (d) Other matters concerning the program that are:

33 (i) Considered relevant by the department; or

34 (ii) Specifically requested for inclusion in the report by the
35 governor or by any member of the senate or the house of represen-
36 tatives.

37 (2) By June 30, 2029, and every two (2) years thereafter, the depart-
38 ment shall designate a third party to evaluate the program. The evaluation
39 shall be conducted according to criteria set by the department, the senate
40 and house of representatives education committees, and the joint finance-
41 appropriations committee.

42 SECTION 15. That Chapter 10, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
43 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
44 ignated as Section 33-1034, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

45 33-1034. EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM FUND. There is hereby es-
46 tablished in the state treasury the empowering parents grant program fund,
47 to be administered by the department. Moneys in the fund shall:

- 1 (1) Consist of the following:
2 (a) Legislative appropriations;
3 (b) Donations and contributions made to the fund; and
4 (c) Interest earned on idle moneys in the fund;
5 (2) Be continuously appropriated for the purpose described in subsec-
6 tion (3) of this section; and
7 (3) Be used to pay grants awarded under the empowering parents grant
8 program.

9 SECTION 16. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
10 declared to exist, Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall be in full force and
11 effect on and after July 1, 2023, and Sections 6 through 15 of this act shall
12 be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2029.