

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1374

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1614, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RE-
3 GARDING CAREER EXPLORATION COURSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PRO-
4 VIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 16, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 33-1614, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 33-1614. CAREER EXPLORATION. (1) Starting in fiscal year 2024, every
11 student in grade 8 enrolled in an Idaho public school district, a specially
12 chartered district, or a public charter school shall complete one (1) or
13 more career exploration courses. Such courses must utilize the "first step"
14 standards set by the state board of education for career technical education
15 and shall be offered in person when possible. If in-person learning is not
16 possible, such courses may be offered through virtual education programs,
17 online courses, or hybrid courses consisting of a combination of online and
18 in-person instruction.

19 (2) Career exploration courses may be taught by instructional staff,
20 occupational specialists, school counselors, or advisors. All staff teach-
21 ing a career exploration course must have participated in a career explo-
22 ration professional development course approved by the division of career
23 technical education or the state board of education.

24 (3) Career exploration courses may be used in lieu of the middle school
25 health class requirement.

26 (4) The state division of career technical education will maintain re-
27 sources that can be utilized or modified for the implementation of this sec-
28 tion.

29 (5) Every student's career pathway plan shall be reviewed annually and
30 can be revised at any time. The career pathway plan shall be developed by
31 students with the assistance of parents or guardians, with advice and rec-
32 ommendation from school personnel and include career exploration courses or
33 workforce discovery activities. The purpose of a parent-approved student
34 career plan is to outline a course of study and learning activities for stu-
35 dents to become college and career ready and contributing members of soci-
36 ety. Local education agencies (LEAs) shall annually provide a personalized
37 career pathway plan progress report to the student's parent or guardian. The
38 plan may be sent via electronic communication.

39 (6) Funding provided to LEAs in section 33-1002(2) (r), Idaho Code, in
40 accordance with section 33-1212A, Idaho Code, may be used to support career
41 exploration courses.

1 (7) Professional development funding provided to an LEA pursuant to
2 section 33-1002, Idaho Code, may be used to provide professional development
3 to career exploration course instructors.

4 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
5 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
6 July 1, 2022.