

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 269

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 33-1614, 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 7 or grade 8 enrolled in an Idaho public school district,
12 a specially chartered district, or a public charter school shall complete
13 one (1) or more career exploration courses. Such courses should align to the
14 "first step" standards set by the state board of education for career tech-
15 nical education. Such courses may be offered face-to-face, through virtual
16 education programs, as online courses, or as hybrid courses consisting of a
17 combination of online and in-person instruction.

18 (2) All staff teaching a career exploration course must have partici-
19 pated in a career exploration professional development course approved by
20 the state board of education.

21 (3) The state board of education will maintain resources that can be
22 utilized or modified for the implementation of this section.

23 (4) A career pathway plan shall be developed by students with the ap-
24 proval of parents or guardians, with advice and recommendation from school
25 personnel, which shall include career exploration courses or workforce dis-
26 covery activities. The purpose of a parent-approved student career pathway
27 plan is to outline a course of study and learning activities for students to
28 become college-ready and career-ready as contributing members of society.
29 Every student's career pathway plan shall be reviewed annually and can be
30 revised at any time. The student's school shall provide a personalized ca-
31 reer pathway plan progress report to the student's parent or guardian. The
32 progress report may be sent via electronic communication.

33 (5) Funding provided in section 33-1002(2) (r), Idaho Code, in accor-
34 dance with section 33-1212A, Idaho Code, may be used to support career explo-
35 ration courses.

36 (6) Professional development funding provided pursuant to section
37 33-1002, Idaho Code, may be used to provide professional development to ca-
38 reer exploration course instructors.

39 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
40 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
41 July 1, 2023.