

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 426, As Amended in the Senate

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE A PURPOSE; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33,
2 IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1628, IDAHO CODE, TO ES-
3 TABLISH THE "8 IN 6 PROGRAM," TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE
4 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PAYING FOR CERTAIN SUMMER ONLINE AND ON-
5 LINE OVERLOAD COURSES, TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA RELATING TO PARTICIPATION
6 IN THE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO ELIGIBLE COURSES,
7 TO PROVIDE FOR RULES AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. PURPOSE OF ACT. The purpose of this program is to identify
11 those students who are taking courses in grades 7 through 12 at an acceler-
12 ated rate and provide them with an incentive to participate in dual credit
13 for early completers pursuant to the provisions of Section 33-1626, Idaho
14 Code. The program will provide funding so that a portion of the summer online
15 courses and online overload courses taken by such students will be paid for
16 by the State Department of Education.

17 SECTION 2. That Chapter 16, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
18 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
19 ignated as Section 33-1628, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

20 33-1628. "8 IN 6 PROGRAM." (1) A program is hereby established in the
21 state department of education to be known as the "8 in 6 Program."

22 (2) If a parent and student agree, by signing the appropriate form pro-
23 vided by the state department of education, to the conditions provided for in
24 paragraphs (2) (a) and (b) of this section, the state department of education
25 will pay for a portion of the cost of summer online courses and online over-
26 load courses as provided for in this section from the moneys appropriated for
27 this purpose.

28 (a) The student and parent agree that the student shall take and suc-
29 cessfully complete dual credit or professional-technical education
30 courses for at least a portion of the student's courses during the 11th
31 and/or 12th grade years. Funding for this requirement will not be pro-
32 vided by the "8 in 6 Program."

33 (b) The student and parent agree that the student shall take and suc-
34 cessfully complete at least one (1) summer online or online overload
35 course and a full course load of at least fourteen (14) credits per
36 school year.

37 (c) The state shall pay two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225) per one
38 (1) credit summer online course or one (1) credit online overload course
39 taken in this program. Provided however, that if the Idaho digital
40 learning academy (IDLA) receives a state guarantee or appropriation of
41 at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for fiscal year 2013, the

1 state shall pay no moneys for the "8 in 6 Program" for that fiscal year,
2 and IDLA shall provide the online courses necessary to meet the needs of
3 the "8 in 6 Program" for that fiscal year, at a cost not to exceed sev-
4 enty-five dollars (\$75.00) per course.

5 (d) The state shall pay for no more than two (2) credits of online
6 overload courses per student per school year. The state shall pay for
7 no more than two (2) credits of summer online courses per student per
8 summer. The state shall pay for no more than a combined total of four
9 (4) credits of summer online or online overload courses per student per
10 year. The state shall pay for no more than a combined total of eight (8)
11 credits of summer online and online overload courses per student during
12 such student's participation in the program.

13 (3) Participation in this program shall be limited to no more than
14 ten percent (10%) of students in each grade 7 through 12. Such limita-
15 tion shall be applied initially on a school district-by-school district,
16 grade-by-grade basis. If any grades do not fully utilize their available
17 participation slots, the school district shall reallocate said participa-
18 tion slots to those grades in which more than ten percent (10%) of the stu-
19 dents have applied for participation in the program. If any school districts
20 do not fully utilize their available participation slots by July 1, the state
21 department of education shall reallocate said participation slots to those
22 districts in which more than ten percent (10%) of the students have applied
23 for participation in the program. Students accepted into the program shall
24 remain in the program from year to year unless they sign a withdrawal form
25 developed by the state department of education. If a participating student
26 transfers from one (1) school district to another, such student shall remain
27 enrolled in the program, the ten percent (10%) participation limitation of
28 the student's new school district notwithstanding. The state department of
29 education shall maintain a list of participants.

30 (a) If the number of students applying for participation in the "8 in
31 6 Program" exceeds the number of participation slots available in the
32 school district, the school district shall establish participation
33 preference criteria. Such criteria shall include students who have
34 successfully completed at least one (1) online course prior to partici-
35 pating in the program, and may include any of the following:

36 (i) Grade point average;

37 (ii) State-mandated summative achievement test results;

38 (iii) Other school district administered student assessments.

39 (b) If a student participating in the program fails to complete with a
40 grade of "C" or better one (1) or more summer online or online overload
41 courses while in the program, the student must pay for and successfully
42 complete a summer online or online overload course with a grade of "C" or
43 better before continuing in the program.

44 (4) Procedures for participating in the "8 in 6 Program" include the
45 following: The school district shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that
46 any student who considers participating in the program considers the chal-
47 lenges and time necessary to succeed in the program. Such efforts by the dis-
48 trict shall be performed prior to a student participating in the program.

49 (5) Eligible courses. To qualify as an eligible course for the program,
50 the course must be offered by a provider accredited by the organization

1 that accredits Idaho high schools or an organization whose accreditation
2 of providers is recognized by the organization that accredits Idaho high
3 schools. Dual credit, advanced placement and concurrent enrollment courses
4 are not eligible under this program.

5 (6) The state board of education is hereby authorized to promulgate
6 rules to implement the provisions of this section.

7 (7) Definitions:

8 (a) "8 in 6 Program" means the two (2) years of junior high, the four (4)
9 years of high school and the first two (2) years of college or profes-
10 sional-technical preparation that normally take eight (8) years to com-
11 plete are compressed into six (6) years by taking full course loads dur-
12 ing the school year and one (1) or two (2) online courses during the sum-
13 mer or as online overload courses.

14 (b) "Full course load" means no fewer than fourteen (14) credits per
15 school year.

16 (c) "Overload course" means a course taken that is in excess of or more
17 than the number of courses taken in the normal school day as a normal
18 school day is defined for fractional average daily attendance purposes
19 by the state department of education.

20 (d) "Parent" means parent or parents or guardian or guardians.

21 (e) "School district" means an Idaho school district or a public char-
22 ter school that provides education to any grades 7-12.

23 (f) "School year" means the normal school year that begins upon the con-
24 clusion of the break between grades and ends upon the beginning of the
25 same break of the following year.