

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 662

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 46-805, IDAHO
2 CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR FEDERAL FUNDS AND STATE FUNDING, TO REMOVE DUPLICA-
3 TIVE LANGUAGE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE THE YOUTH
4 CHALLENGE PROGRAM IS LOCATED MAY TAKE STEPS TO HAVE THE YOUTH CHAL-
5 LENGE PROGRAM BE CONSIDERED AND DESIGNATED AS AN ALTERNATIVE SECONDARY
6 SCHOOL; AND AMENDING SECTION 2, CHAPTER 322, LAWS OF 2011, TO EXTEND A
7 SUNSET DATE.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Section 46-805, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
11 amended to read as follows:

12 46-805. YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM.

13 (1) (a) There is hereby established the Idaho youth challenge program,
14 a multi-phased youth intervention program. The program will provide,
15 among other things, a structured, disciplined residential phase of at
16 least twenty-two (22) weeks focusing on education and practical life
17 skills and a post-residential phase of at least twelve (12) months in-
18 volving skilled and trained mentors supporting graduates and engaged
19 in positive and durable placement of graduates. The youth challenge
20 program shall be focused on assisting participants in achieving a high
21 school diploma or obtaining a general equivalency diploma (GED) and
22 helping to ensure that participants become productive members of soci-
23 ety.

24 (b) The program shall be eligible to receive and expend any moneys pro-
25 vided to the program including, but not limited to, private contribu-
26 tions, federal funds and state alternative secondary school funding.
27 In the event that moneys for any fiscal year are inadequate to fund the
28 youth challenge program, the program shall be discontinued. The deci-
29 sion to discontinue the program due to inadequate funding shall be made
30 by the legislature and the governor in a joint letter provided to the ad-
31 jutant general and signed by the governor, the president pro tempore of
32 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

33 (2) The youth challenge program shall be administered by the state ad-
34 jutant general in conjunction with:

35 (a) The board of trustees of an appropriate school district of this
36 state; or

37 (b) A governing board, the members of which shall be appointed by the
38 governor. The size of such governing board and qualifications and terms
39 of board members shall be provided for in rule authorized by this sec-
40 tion.

1 (3) The program and all program participants shall be governed by all
2 applicable laws, regulations and guidelines including, but not limited to,
3 32 U.S.C. section 509.

4 (4) (a) In order to be eligible to participate in the program, appli-
5 cants shall meet the criteria established by the adjutant general in ad-
6 ministrative rule.

7 (b) Applicants shall be selected for the program by the youth challenge
8 program board of admissions. Such board shall be appointed by the ad-
9 jutant general. Qualifications for board membership, length of board
10 terms, size of the board and other necessary provisions shall be estab-
11 lished by the adjutant general in administrative rule.

12 (5) The adjutant general is authorized to enter into contracts and to
13 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

14 ~~(6) The provisions of this section shall be null and void and of no force~~
15 ~~and effect on and after July 1, 2014~~ school district where the youth chal-
16 lenge program is located may take steps to have the youth challenge program
17 be considered and designated as an alternative secondary school.

18 SECTION 2. That Section 2, Chapter 322, Laws of 2011, be, and the same is
19 hereby amended to read as follows:

20 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
22 passage and approval. The provisions of this act shall be null, void and of
23 no force and effect on and after July 1, 2014⁵.