

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1029

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-5104, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES REGARDING THE GRANTING OF CAREER TECHNICAL CREDITS; AND AMENDING SECTION 33-5109, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO GRANT CREDIT FOR CAREER TECHNICAL COURSES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 33-5104, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-5104. COUNSELING. To the extent possible, the school district shall provide counseling services to pupils and their parents or guardians before the pupil enrolls in courses under the provisions of this chapter to ensure that the pupil and parents or guardian are fully aware of the risks and possible consequences of enrolling in postsecondary courses. Counseling services shall include information on the program including who may enroll, what institutions and sources are available under this program, the decision-making process for granting academic or career technical credits, financial arrangements for tuition, books and materials, eligibility criteria for transportation aid, available support services, the need to arrange an appropriate schedule, consequences of failing or not completing a course in which the pupil enrolls, the effect of enrolling in this program on the pupil's ability to complete the required high school graduation requirements, financial aid and the academic and social responsibilities that must be assumed by the pupil and the parents or guardian. The person providing counseling shall encourage pupils and their parents or guardian to also use available counseling services at the postsecondary institutions prior to the semester of enrollment to ensure that anticipated plans are appropriate and adequate.

SECTION 2. That Section 33-5109, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-5109. CREDITS. (1) A pupil may enroll in a course under the provisions of this chapter for secondary credit, for postsecondary credit or for dual credit. At the time a pupil enrolls in a course, the pupil shall designate the type of credit desired. A pupil taking several courses may designate some for secondary credit, some for postsecondary credit and some for dual credit.

(2) A school district shall grant academic or career technical credit, as applicable to the course, to a pupil enrolled in a course for secondary credit if the pupil successfully completes the course. Four (4) semester college credits equal at least one (1) full year (two (2) semester credits)

1 of high school credit in that subject. Fewer college credits may be pro-  
2 rated.

3 (3) The secondary credits granted to a pupil shall be counted toward  
4 the graduation requirements and subject area requirements of the school  
5 district. Evidence of successful completion of each course and secondary  
6 credits granted shall be included in the pupil's secondary school record. A  
7 pupil shall provide the school with a copy of the pupil's grade in each course  
8 taken for secondary credit under the provisions of this chapter. Upon the  
9 request of a pupil, the pupil's secondary school record shall also include  
10 evidence of successful completion and credits granted for a course taken for  
11 postsecondary credit. In either case, the record shall indicate that the  
12 credits were earned at a postsecondary institution.

13 (4) If a pupil enrolls in a postsecondary institution after leaving  
14 secondary school, the postsecondary institution shall award postsecondary  
15 credit for any course successfully completed for secondary credit at that  
16 institution. Other postsecondary institutions may award, after a pupil  
17 leaves secondary school, postsecondary credit for any courses successfully  
18 completed under the provisions of this chapter. An institution shall not  
19 charge a pupil for the award of credit.

20 (5) Postsecondary faculty instructing a course for postsecondary, sec-  
21 ondary or dual credit shall not be required to obtain a certificate pursuant  
22 to chapter 12, title 33, Idaho Code, nor shall the postsecondary faculty be  
23 deemed an employee of a school district for any purpose under law.