

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1322

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-512, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A
MINIMUM NUMBER OF INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 33-512, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

33-512. GOVERNANCE OF SCHOOLS. The board of trustees of each school
district shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To fix the days of the year and the hours of the day when schools
shall be in session. However:

(a) Each school district shall annually adopt and implement a school
calendar which provides its students at each grade level with the fol-
lowing minimum number of instructional hours:

| Grades | Hours |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 9-12 | 990 |
| 4-8 | 900 |
| 1-3 | 810 |
| K | 450 |
| <u>Alternative schools</u> | |
| <u>(any grades)</u> | <u>900</u> |

(b) School assemblies, testing and other instructionally related ac-
tivities involving students directly may be included in the required
instructional hours.

(c) When approved by a local school board, annual instructional hour
requirements stated in paragraph (a) may be reduced as follows:

(i) Up to a total of twenty-two (22) hours to accommodate staff
development activities conducted on such days as the local school
board deems appropriate.

(ii) Up to a total of eleven (11) hours of emergency school clo-
sures due to adverse weather conditions and facility failures.

However, transportation to and from school, passing times between
classes, recess and lunch periods shall not be included.

(d) Student and staff activities related to the opening and closing of
the school year, grade reporting, program planning, staff meetings, and
other classroom and building management activities shall not be counted
as instructional time or in the reductions provided in paragraph (c) (i)
of this section.

(e) For multiple shift programs, this rule applies to each shift (i.e.,
each student must have access to the minimum annual required hours of
instruction).

1 (f) The instructional time requirement for grade 12 students may be re-
2 duced by action of a local school board for an amount of time not to ex-
3 ceed eleven (11) hours of instructional time.

4 (g) The state superintendent of public instruction may grant an ex-
5 emption from the provisions of this section for an individual building
6 within a district, when the closure of that building, for unforeseen
7 circumstances, does not affect the attendance of other buildings within
8 the district.

9 (2) To adopt and carry on, and provide for the financing of, a total ed-
10 ucational program for the district. Such programs in other than elementary
11 school districts may include education programs for out-of-school youth and
12 adults; and such districts may provide classes in kindergarten;

13 (3) To provide, or require pupils to be provided with, suitable text-
14 books and supplies, and for advice on textbook selections may appoint a cur-
15 ricular materials adoption committee as provided in section 33-512A, Idaho
16 Code;

17 (4) To protect the morals and health of the pupils;

18 (5) To exclude from school, children not of school age;

19 (6) To prescribe rules for the disciplining of unruly or insubordinate
20 pupils, including rules on student harassment, intimidation and bullying,
21 such rules to be included in a district discipline code adopted by the board
22 of trustees and a summarized version thereof to be provided in writing at the
23 beginning of each school year to the teachers and students in the district
24 in a manner consistent with the student's age, grade and level of academic
25 achievement;

26 (7) To exclude from school, pupils with contagious or infectious dis-
27 eases who are diagnosed or suspected as having a contagious or infectious
28 disease or those who are not immune and have been exposed to a contagious or
29 infectious disease; and to close school on order of the state board of health
30 and welfare or local health authorities;

31 (8) To equip and maintain a suitable library or libraries in the school
32 or schools and to exclude therefrom, and from the schools, all books, tracts,
33 papers, and catechisms of sectarian nature;

34 (9) To determine school holidays. Any listing of school holidays shall
35 include not less than the following: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Indepen-
36 dence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Other days listed in section
37 73-108, Idaho Code, if the same shall fall on a school day, shall be observed
38 with appropriate ceremonies; and any days the state board of education may
39 designate, following the proclamation by the governor, shall be school holi-
40 days;

41 (10) To erect and maintain on each schoolhouse or school grounds a suit-
42 able flagstaff or flagpole, and display thereon the flag of the United States
43 of America on all days, except during inclement weather, when the school is
44 in session; and for each Veterans Day, each school in session shall conduct
45 and observe an appropriate program of at least one (1) class period remember-
46 ing and honoring American veterans;

47 (11) To prohibit entrance to each schoolhouse or school grounds, to pro-
48 hibit loitering in schoolhouses or on school grounds and to provide for the
49 removal from each schoolhouse or school grounds of any individual or indi-
50 viduals who disrupt the educational processes or whose presence is detrimen-

1 tal to the morals, health, safety, academic learning or discipline of the
2 pupils. A person who disrupts the educational process or whose presence is
3 detrimental to the morals, health, safety, academic learning or discipline
4 of the pupils or who loiters in schoolhouses or on school grounds, is guilty
5 of a misdemeanor;

6 (12) To supervise and regulate, including by contract with established
7 entities, those extracurricular activities which are by definition outside
8 of or in addition to the regular academic courses or curriculum of a public
9 school, and which extracurricular activities shall not be considered to be
10 a property, liberty or contract right of any student, and such extracurric-
11 ular activities shall not be deemed a necessary element of a public school
12 education, but shall be considered to be a privilege. For the purposes of
13 extracurricular activities, any secondary school located in this state that
14 is accredited by an organization approved through a process defined by the
15 state department of education shall be able to fully participate in all ex-
16 tracurricular activities described in and governed by the provisions of this
17 subsection;

18 (13) To govern the school district in compliance with state law and
19 rules of the state board of education;

20 (14) To submit to the superintendent of public instruction not later
21 than July 1 of each year documentation which meets the reporting require-
22 ments of the federal gun-free schools act of 1994 as contained within the
23 federal improving America's schools act of 1994;

24 (15) To require that all certificated and noncertificated employees
25 hired on or after July 1, 2008, and other individuals who are required by
26 the provisions of section 33-130, Idaho Code, to undergo a criminal history
27 check shall submit a completed ten (10) finger fingerprint card or scan to
28 the department of education no later than five (5) days following the first
29 day of employment or unsupervised contact with students in a K-12 setting,
30 whichever is sooner. Such employees and other individuals shall pay the cost
31 of the criminal history check. If the criminal history check shows that the
32 employee has been convicted of a felony crime enumerated in section 33-1208,
33 Idaho Code, it shall be grounds for immediate termination, dismissal or
34 other personnel action of the district, except that it shall be the right of
35 the school district to evaluate whether an individual convicted of one (1)
36 of these crimes and having been incarcerated for that crime shall be hired.
37 Provided however, that any individual convicted of any felony offense listed
38 in section 33-1208 2., Idaho Code, shall not be hired. For the purposes of
39 criminal history checks, a substitute teacher is any individual who tem-
40 porarily replaces a certificated classroom educator and is paid a substitute
41 teacher wage for one (1) day or more during a school year. A substitute
42 teacher who has undergone a criminal history check at the request of one (1)
43 district in which he has been employed as a substitute shall not be required
44 to undergo an additional criminal history check at the request of any other
45 district in which he is employed as a substitute if the teacher has obtained
46 a criminal history check within the previous five (5) years. If the district
47 next employing the substitute still elects to require another criminal his-
48 tory check within the five (5) year period, that district shall pay the cost
49 of the criminal history check or reimburse the substitute teacher for such
50 cost. To remain on the statewide substitute teacher list maintained by the

1 state department of education, the substitute teacher shall undergo a crimi-
2 nal history check every five (5) years;

3 (16) To maintain a safe environment for students by developing a system
4 that cross-checks all contractors or other persons who have irregular con-
5 tact with students against the statewide sex offender register;

6 (17) To provide support for teachers in their first two (2) years in the
7 profession in the areas of: administrative and supervisory support, mentor-
8 ing, peer assistance and professional development.