

**REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**55<sup>th</sup> Legislature / 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session**

**March 2, 2000**

**Guide to Prevalent Topics:**

**U** Public employee related issues

**i** Construction, renovation and sale of state facilities

**3** School facilities legislation - *At their November meeting, the Board passed a motion to support efforts and legislation that would enable a local school district to fix any life and safety problems apparent in their school facilities.*

**\* Endorsed by the SBOE** – Appears by those items that the Board had opportunity to consider and act upon. If this statement does not appear, it should not be inferred that the SBOE does or does not endorse the item, but rather that they have not considered it.

**Bold indicates recent action or additions**

<b>Bill # Contact</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>U</b> <b>H 401</b> Alan Winkle PERSI	All Agencies	Provides that PERSI may disclose identity of a deceased member's beneficiary to the members spouse, children and/or court appointed estate administrator, and other technical corrections.	Passed House Passed Senate
<b>H 404A</b> Mike Rush	PTE	Amend Idaho Code 39-5002 to update the definition of "displaced homemaker" to be consistent with current practices and populations being served. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Passed House In Senate Com/HuRes
<b>U</b> <b>H 442</b> Ann Heilman DHR	All Agencies	Amend Idaho Code 67-5309C to allow temporary pay grades to be used to retain qualified employees.	Passed House In Senate Com/HuRes
<b>U</b> <b>H 443</b> Ann Heilman DHR	All Agencies	Amend Idaho Code 67-5302 to clarify holiday pay limited to 8 hours, and military leave limited to 120 hours per year.	Passed House In Senate Com/HuRes
<b>H 444</b> Rep. Randy Hansen	K-12 Ed	Amend Idaho Code 18-3302D to prohibit possession of weapons on school grounds or by students at school sponsored activities regardless of location, with certain exceptions. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Passed House In Senate Judiciary
<b>i</b> <b>H 485a</b> Sen. Hal Bunderson	All Agencies	Adds new section to IC, 67-5709A, to exempt real estate from state surplus property law. Institutions of higher education are already exempt. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Passed House In Senate St Affairs
<b>i</b> <b>H 486</b> Sen. Hal Bunderson	All Agencies	Adds a new section to IC, 67-5708B, to require state agencies to prepare and maintain a 5 year facility needs plan and report projected facilities needs at their annual budget hearings. Includes an exemption for state higher education institutions. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Passed House In Senate St Affairs
<b>i</b> <b>H 487</b> Sen. Hal Bunderson	All Agencies	Requires the establishment of an integrated database & comprehensive geographic information system for all state owned property. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Passed House In Senate St Affairs

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<b>H 497</b> Rep. Maxine Bell	K-12 Ed	1999 SB 1163 made contract buses operated by nonprofit or nonpublic schools or contracted to school districts subject to registration fees based on weight. This significantly increases the fees paid. This bill would revert the registration fee paid for these busing services back to the level it was before SB 1163, at \$12.48 per year.	Passed House Senate Transp
<b>U H 510</b> Rep. Dennis Lake	All Agencies	Provides for the distribution of extraordinary investments gains earned by the PERSI fund above the actuarial liability and rate stabilization reserve. Retirees will receive their allocation in the form of a one-time payment, active members as a transfer of funds to a supplemental account, and employers as a credit against future contributions. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Passed House In Senate Com/HuRes
<b>U H 511</b> Rep. Bert Marley	All Agencies	Increases the statutory multiplier used to figure PERSI retirement benefits from 1.917% to 2% for general members, and from 2.25% to 2.3% for police and firefighter members.	Passed House In Senate Com/HuRes
<b>H 513</b> Jane Gorsuch Intmnt. Forest Assn.	K-12 Ed	Phases in a 40% reduction in forest land taxes over the next six years. May reduce property tax revenue to counties with significant forest land area. Creates a Committee within Idaho Tax Commission to analyze this methodology and report findings of best way to proceed, which includes the State Superintendent of public instruction as a nonvoting member.	Passed House <b>Amended in Senate</b>
<b>i H 516</b> Sen. Hal Bunderson	All Agencies	Revises state surplus property procedure, IC 55-331 and 58-332, from which higher education institutions are already exempt. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Passed House In Senate St Affairs
<b>i H 517</b> Sen. Hal Bunderson	All Agencies	Amends IC 67-6410 to provide approval for financing a state facility can be authorized by the concurrence of the senate pro-tem, speaker of the house and state board of examiners in the interim between legislative sessions. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	House St Affairs
<b>H 519</b> Rep. Donna Boe, Et. al.	Pre K	Establishes the Parental Information Fund and Advisory Committee, the purpose of which is to purchase radio & TV ads to advise parents about nurturing practices that help infants develop. The SBOE may contribute funds or seek grants from the fund. Advisory committee includes 2 members appointed by the State Superintendent and 2 by the Governor. Annual appropriation beginning in FY 2002 would be \$250,000.	House Education <b>Gave Do Pass</b>
<b>H 520</b> Rep. Reed Hansen	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-511 to allow a simple majority of the electors to override the board of trustees closing a school rather than the 2/3 majority currently required.	<b>House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
<b>H 521</b> Rep. Ken Robison Et. al.	Higher Ed	Establishes a state scholarship program beginning in 2001 for Idaho high school graduates with a 2.5 or greater GPA, and for home schoolers or GED recipients who qualify for admittance to an eligible postsecondary institution. Award amount is \$500 per semester for the first year of school. SBOE acts as administrative agency. <i>*SBOE endorsed a proposal that would serve to create scholarship opportunities, provide an incentive for achievement in high school and encourage attendance at Idaho's public, postsecondary institutions.</i>	<b>House Amending Order</b>
<b>H 522</b> Rep. Jim Clark	K-12 Ed	Applies the requirement of a criminal history check to employees of charter schools.	House Education <b>Gave Do Pass</b>
<b>i H 540</b> Sen. Hal Bunderson	All Agencies	Exempts public building plans from public records disclosure. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	<b>Passed House in Senate Jud</b>
<b>H 541</b> Rep. Kent Kunz	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-512 to promote a legal framework whereby local school boards may adopt a mandatory school uniform policy for some or all of their schools.	House Education

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<b><u>H 542</u></b> Rep. Jerry Stoicheff	K-12 Ed	Provides that upon request of a private or parochial school, the SDE shall establish a system to obtain criminal background checks on employees or contractors of the school.	House Education <b>Gave Do Pass</b>
<b><u>H 548</u></b> Rep. Lee Gagner	All Agencies	Amends IC 54-1903 by raising the limit requiring a public works license from projects over \$5000 to those over &10,000.	Passed House In Senate Com/HuRes
<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>H 552</u></b> Rep. Charles Cuddy	K-12 Ed	Increases the sales tax to 6%; deletes the authority for school districts to levy for maintenance and operation purposes; and provides a formula to replace those moneys with the increased sales tax.	House Rev/Tax
<b><u>H 553</u></b> Rep. Don Pischner et al	Higher Ed	Provides for an income tax credit for annual local property tax paid in support of a community college, with the maximum annual amount not to exceed \$500.	House Rev/Tax Ref to Subcomm
<b><u>i</u></b> <b><u>H 567</u></b> Rep. Jim Clark	All Agencies	Provides a mechanism to automatically transfer ½ of any year-end general fund surplus to the permanent building fund.	<b>House 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>
<b><u>H 568</u></b> Rep. Jim Clark	Higher Ed	Amends IC 23-404 to increase from \$300,000 to \$600,000 the amount transferred annually from the liquor account to the community college account.	House Rev/Tax Ref to Subcomm
<b><u>H 569</u></b> Rep. Jim Clark	All Agencies	Amends IC 57-814 to adjust the trigger for funds going to the budget stabilization fund and to change the basis for calculation from appropriations to revenue. Currently, 1% of the original general fund appropriation is transferred to the fund if revenues for the fiscal year just ending exceed revenues for the previous year by more than 4%. This would allow the transferred amount to be only the amount over 4% in years when the projection is between 4% and 5% rather than transferring a full 1%.	<b>House 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>
<b><u>H 570</u></b> Rep. Tom Trail et al	K-12 Ed	Amends IC63-2552A to provide the source for the \$250,000 for juvenile drug testing will be divided equally between the public school income fund for substance abuse programs and the department of juvenile corrections. Currently, the full amount is being paid through the public school income fund.	Held in House Education
<b><u>H 577</u></b> Rep. Max Black	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-1509 to allow local boards of trustees to consider on a case-by-case basis whether or not a school bus driver with insulin-dependence can be licensed.	Passed House In Senate Transp
<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>H 580</u></b> Rep. Frank Bruneel et al	K-12 Ed	Redefines taxation of retail services by reducing the sales tax to 4% and extending it to services (excluding health care). Also eliminates the school M&O levies from property tax and replace it with sales tax.	House Rev/Tax
<b><u>U</u></b> <b><u>H 594</u></b> Ann Heilman DHR	All Agencies	Clarifies that sick, vacation and credited state service should not be awarded for hours earned in excess of hours actually worked.	Passed House Senate Com/HuRes
<b><u>U</u></b> <b><u>H 597</u></b> Ken Show, S.D. 91	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-517 to clarify the grounds for non-certificated personnel to file a grievance and simplifies the problem solving process.	House Education
<b><u>H 600</u></b> Rep. Jerry Stoicheff	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 34-907 to allow counties to send question to electors whether to retain term limits for their county's school boards, city offices and county offices.	House St Affairs
<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>H 607</u></b> Rep. Roger Chase Sen. Shawn Keough	K-12 Ed	Establishes the public school building assistance fund to help pay for safety improvements and administrative costs and interest for districts that have passed levies or overrides. Provides that excess in the public school earnings reserve can be appropriated by the legislature to this new fund and provides for distribution.	House Rev/Tax

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<b><u>H 627</u></b> Rep. Lee Gagner et al	Higher Ed	Establishes a college savings program that provides for \$4000 per year max tax deferred until withdrawn for use attending college, then the proceeds would be taxed at the beneficiaries' rate.	House Rev/Tax
<b><u>H 634</u></b> Rep. Jim Clark	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-5206 to provide that if additional evaluations or reports are required of a charter school, they will be conducted by an independent 3 <sup>rd</sup> party as agreed by the district and school, or designated by the SPI, and paid for by the district.	House Education <b>Gave Do Pass</b>
<b><u>H 635</u></b> Rep. Jerry Stoicheff Sen. M. McLaughlin	Higher Ed	Establishes a 3% cap annually on increases in student matriculation fees at the public, four-year college and universities.	House Education 3/3
<b><u>H 636</u></b> Rep. Wayne Meyer	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-512 to delete "noninstructional" from recess time as it relates to the option of reduction in annual instructional hour requirements, and maintains that recess shall not be included in the reduction.	<b>House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
<b><u>U</u></b> <b><u>H 637</u></b> Rep. Wayne Meyer	K-12 Ed	Provides that public school district employees shall be 55 before Sept 1 of the year application is made for early retirement.	<b>House Com/HuRes</b>
<b><u>H 638</u></b> Reps. Miller & Jones Sen. Gary Schroeder	K-12 Ed	Provides authority to appoint a district student mentoring program coordinator to facilitate use of community volunteers as mentors to elementary students, and appropriates \$1,000,000 for this purpose.	<b>Held in House Education</b>
<b><u>H 652</u></b> Rep. Wayne Meyer	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-1602 to require instruction in citizenship be given in all elementary and secondary schools.	House Education
<b><u>H 655</u></b> Rep. Monty Pearce	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-1602 to require the U.S. flag be displayed in every public school classroom and that the pledge of allegiance or the national anthem be offered at the beginning of every day.	<b>House St Affairs</b>
<b><u>U</u></b> <b><u>H 657</u></b> Rep. Jim Clark	All Agencies	Provides an active member in the PERSI system may purchase membership service for active duty service in the armed forces that commenced on or after July 1, 1965 and that is otherwise outside the scope of service available at no cost.	House Com/HuRes
<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>H 668</u></b> Rep. L. Denney Sen. Darrel Deide	K-12 Ed	Creates a school safety and health revolving loan fund and establishes criteria which must be met in order to borrow from the fund, and repayment terms.	<b>House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>H 669</u></b> Rep. Dolores Crow	K-12 Ed	Recognizes the Idaho Banking Industry's creation of the Idaho safe school facilities loan programs and provides for plant facilities levies to be extended for up to 20 years for levies will be used to abate, repair or replace facilities with identified health and safety violations.	<b>House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
<b><u>H 675</u></b> Rep. Fred Tilman	K-12 Ed	Requires appraisal of real property prior to purchase or disposal by a school district in order to establish the value of the property.	House Education 3/3
<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>H 676</u></b> Rep. Lee Gagner	K-12 Ed	Requires that any permit application submitted to planning and zoning commission related to school facilities shall have priority consideration and be reviewed at the earliest reasonable time.	House Education
<b><u>H 677</u></b> Rep. Jim Clark	K-12 Ed	Allows the board of directors of a charter school the ability to borrow money.	House Education <b>Gave Do Pass</b>
<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>H 678</u></b> Rep. Lee Gagner	K-12 Ed	Establishes an Idaho uniform school building safety code commission, which shall developed uniform safety code and provide for enforcement of the code.	House Education 3/3
<b><u>H 682</u></b> Rep. Jeff Alltus Rep. Bill Sali	Higher Ed / All Agencies	Provides definition of public funds and outlines proper use during elections.	House St Affairs 3/3

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<b><u>H 686</u></b> Rep. Lenore Barrett	K-12 Ed	Provides state income or corporate tax credit to those who directly donate money to an eligible child who is not enrolled in public school.	House Rev/Tax
<b><u>U</u></b> <b><u>H 692</u></b> Rep. Max Black	All Agencies	Allows state employees who are certified Red Cross volunteers paid leave when called to participate in disaster relief.	<b>House Com/HuRes</b>
<b><u>H 695</u></b> Rep. Jeff Alltus Rep. Kent Kunz	K-12 Ed	Requires that school districts contract with the county clerk to conduct all elections, and that school district elections be held in accordance with other county elections (IC 34-106), with the exception of special provisions outlined for supplemental M&O levies.	<b>House St Affairs</b>
<b><u>U</u></b> <b><u>HCR 35</u></b> Rep. Robert Schaefer	All Agencies	Ratifies the Governor's recommendation on employee salaries, which consists of a 3.5% merit increase, and 5% increase in the payline salary structure.	Passed House & Senate
<b><u>U</u></b> <b><u>HCR 37</u></b> Rep. Dennis Lake	All Agencies	Resolution to affirm that it is the intent of the legislature to maintain a fully funded PERSI and a reserve sufficient to absorb normal market fluctuations. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	House & <b>Senate Adopted</b>
<b><u>HCR 38a</u></b> Rep. Ruby Stone	IDVR, PTE, Higher Ed	Establishes a legislative committee to research the reasons for the 60% unemployment rate of persons with disabilities.	<b>House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
<b><u>HCR 39</u></b> Rep. Lee Gagner et al	K-12 Ed	Authorizes an interim committee to complete a study of the feasibility of adopting statewide uniform building codes with an emphasis on school building codes.	House Business
<b><u>HJR 1</u></b> Rep. Bill Deal	K-12 Ed	To send an advisory vote to the electors regarding changing the name of the Public School Fund to the "Public School Permanent Endowment Fund," and provide that the fund shall consist of proceeds from the sale of school lands and amounts allocated from the public school earnings reserve fund, and also providing that proceeds may be used to acquire other lands.	Passed House Senate 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
<b><u>HJR 2</u></b> Rep. Jim Kempton	All	Proposes a constitutional amendment be referred to the electors that would provide qualifications for constitutional offices are exclusive and that the legislature shall not have the power to change them.	House St Affairs
<b><u>HJR 5</u></b>	All	<b>Proposes a constitutional amendment be referred to the electors that would provide qualifications for constitutional offices are exclusive and cannot be changed except by amendment to the constitution.</b>	<b>House Judiciary</b>
<b><u>S 1288</u></b> Sen. Gary Schroeder	Higher Ed / SBOE	Provides the State Board of Education will implement all provisions for the education of prisoners under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Corrections. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	<b>Senate 14<sup>th</sup> Order</b>
<b><u>S 1296</u></b> Sen. Atwell Parry	All Agencies	Establishes the Idaho Millennium Fund (IMF) as an endowment structure to receive and invest funds from the master tobacco settlement. It also creates the Idaho Millennium Income Fund to consist of 5% annual distributions from the IMF, which may be appropriated by the legislature on a one-time basis through June 2004.	Signed into Law
<b><u>S 1325</u></b> Sen. Gary Schroeder	K-12 Ed	Repeals Idaho Code 33-443, term limits for school trustees.	Senate St Affairs
<b><u>U</u></b> <b><u>S 1326</u></b> Sen. Gary Schroeder	K-12 Ed	Amends Idaho Code 33-10 to provide that district instructional, administrative & classified staff receive, as a minimum, the amount provided by the state educational support program pursuant to 33-1004A & 33-1004E.	Senate Education
<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>S 1327</u></b> Sen. Gary Schroeder	K-12 Ed SBOE	Creates a Public School Safety Commission within OSBE to advise the SBOE on safety of public school facilities & establish criteria for distribution of safety grants, specifies membership, requires reports & appropriates \$1 million per year for five years to be given out in grants.	Senate Education

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<b>S 1329</b> Sen. Darrel Deide	K-12 Ed	Replaced by S 1372	W/drawn by sponsor
<b>S 1350</b> Sen. Shawn Keough	K-12 Ed	Extends the time period requirement for school district trustee election write-in candidates filing from 5 to 14 days.	Passed Senate House St Affairs
<b>U S 1370</b> Sen. Grant Ipsen	All Agencies	Amends IC 6-2104 to avoid litigation when disputes arise between a public employer and employee regarding the legality of an employer's directive by providing prior legal counsel review of the directive.	Senate Com/HuRes
<b>U S 1372</b> Sen. Darrel Deide	K-12 Ed	Provide that school districts have a support program in the areas of administrative & supervisory support, peer assistance, mentoring & professional development for those employees in their first three years, to be approved and created in accordance with guidelines established by the SDE; creates 3 categories of contracts for teachers in their first three years with a district; appropriates \$2,000,000 to pay for support programs, and intent that the legislation is contingent upon this funding; and also includes other changes as recommended by interim committee. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE, with \$2 million discretionary to districts</i>	Passed Senate House Education
<b>S 1377</b> Sen. Betsy Dunklin	K-12 Ed	Doubles the fixed penalty for speeding violations in school zones.	Senate Judiciary
<b>S 1385</b> Sen. Robert Lee	All Ed	Establishes Idaho Promise Scholarship, and creates provisions for Idaho secondary school graduates with 3.0GPA or greater, those with ACT score of 20, or those with 2.5GPA or greater in college to be eligible for a scholarship for up to two years in an eligible Idaho public or private postsecondary institution. Institutions are required to match state funds in order to be eligible for students to use the scholarship at their institution. Amount of the scholarship to be set annually by the SBOE, but not to exceed \$1000 per year including the match. <i>*SBOE endorsed a proposal that would serve to create scholarship opportunities, provide an incentive for achievement in high school and encourage attendance at Idaho's public, postsecondary institutions.</i>	<b>Replaced by S 1485</b>
<b>U S 1386</b> Sen. Darrel Deide	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-1004A to provide for anyone holding the Occupational Specialist Certificate be treated as if they have a baccalaureate degree for purposes of the salary schedule. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>
<b>U S 1390</b> Sen. Evan Frasure	All Agencies	Amends IC 67-5339 to increase the maximum amount of unused sick leave for state employees that can be credited toward payment of insurance premiums.	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>
<b>U S 1404</b> Sen. Joe Stegner	All Agencies	Amends IC 59-1352 to extend eligibility for disability retirement for those with at least five years of service, and extends eligibility for disability retirement to all members if injury has an occupational cause.	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>
<b>U S 1413</b> Rep. Tom Trail Sen. Gary Schroeder	All Agencies	Amends IC 67-5338 to allow state employees paid leave up to 8 hours per year to attend a school conference or to perform any school approved volunteer activities during the regularly established school year.	Senate Education
<b>U S 1414</b> Sen. Darrel Deide	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-515 to include student achievement results as an evaluation criterion for renewable contract employees.	Senate Education 3/3
<b>U S 1441</b> Warren Lundquist	All Agencies	Amends IC 67-5316 to provide an alternative form of resolution for due process personnel procedures.	Senate Com/HuRes
<b>S 1448</b> Doug Amos Charter Schools Assc	K-12 Ed	Provides that no more than 10% of a charter schools annual operating budget can be used for special education services. If the limit is reached, the financial responsibility will be assumed by the entity that approved the charter.	Senate Education

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<b>S 1449</b> Sen. Darrel Deide	K-12 Ed	Changes the date by which a school district must notify teacher of the right to automatic contract renewal (May 15) and the date by which teachers must respond (June 1).	Senate Education
<b>S 1456</b> Sen. Gary Schroeder	K-12 Ed	Requires that local school boards establish procedures for the temporary and immediate removal of unruly students from the classroom.	Senate Education 3/7
<b>S 1457</b> Sen. M. McLaughlin Sen. Gary Schroeder	K-12 Ed	Clarifies the eligibility for separate school status, and approves continuing the hardship status in place currently.	Senate Education 3/3
<b>U</b> <b>S 1480</b> Sen. Darrel Deide	K-12 Ed	Creates a performance review panel for continuing contract teachers at 5-year intervals. The criteria will be established by the local school board, and panel will consist of a parent, an administrator, and another certificated employee.	Senate Education 3/1-3
<b>3</b> <b>S 1481</b> Sen. Gary Schroeder	K-12 Ed	Enacts a school facilities funding program, which adopts an 80/20 state/local matching program for facilities projects; authorizes the use of state building revenue bonds to finance public school improvements; distributes \$15 million of sales tax revenue for school facilities financing; authorizes adoption of school standards by the SBOE; and continues distribution of lottery revenue to public schools and requires districts have a long-range maintenance plan.	Senate Education 3/1-3
<b>3</b> <b>S 1482</b> Sen. Gary Schroeder	K-12 Ed	Same as S 1481, but takes out sales tax revenue and requires that not less than \$6 million will be transferred annually from the lottery dividends to the school district building account, with the remaining balance divided between the facility lottery fund and the permanent building fund.	Senate Education 3/1-3
<b>3</b> <b>S 1483</b> Sen. Shawn Keough	K-12 Ed	Establishes a disadvantaged school district building account that may be used to provide matching grants for costs of addressing health and safety needs to disadvantaged districts as determined by the SBOE. The funding source is \$15 million in sales tax revenue. Also provides lottery money can only be used by districts with a long range maintenance plan, and that school districts must publish health & safety needs in the local paper and make detailed reports available to the public.	Senate Education 3/1-3
<b>3</b> <b>S 1484</b> Sen. Shawn Keough	K-12 Ed	Requires school districts to perform an independent inspection of the health and safety of its facilities, and publish identified health and safety needs in the local paper annually and make detailed reports available to the public.	<b>Senate 14<sup>th</sup> Order</b>
<b>S 1485</b> Sen. Robert Lee	Higher Ed	Same as S 1385 establishing the Idaho Promise Scholarship, but leaves out the institutional matching component. <i>*SBOE endorsed a proposal that would serve to create scholarship opportunities, provide an incentive for achievement in high school and encourage attendance at Idaho's public, postsecondary institutions.</i>	<b>Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
<b>S 1486</b> Sen. Betsy Dunklin	K-12 Ed	Makes a technical correction to Idaho Reading Initiative giving educators until Sept 2003 to complete the reading instruction course.	Senate Education
<b>S 1493</b> Sen. Stan Hawkins	K-12 Ed	Provides consideration and adjusted property tax assessments on property not used for a full year. A tax shift would result in some districts.	Senate Loc Gov
<b>S 1495</b> Steve Guerber, ISHS	ISHS	Establishes the State Cemetery Records Preservation Program and appropriates \$500,000 for the purpose. <i>*Endorsed by the SBOE</i>	Senate Finance
<b>3</b> <b>S 1496</b> Sen. Jack Riggs Sen. Gary Schroeder	K-12 Ed	Authorizes the state building authority to finance school facilities up to 20 years, with certification that the improvements constitute an ordinary and necessary expense. Also amends IC 33-905 to provide districts can apply to the SBOE from 7/2000 to 7/2002 for interest payments from the school district building account on state building authority contracts. Estimates \$2.5 million be transferred from the public school appropriation to the school district building account.	Senate Education 3/1-3

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<b><u>S 1527</u></b> Sen. Hal Bunderson Rep. Mike Moyle	K-12 Ed	Amends IC 33-1501 related to processes and procedures for school districts to bus school children less than 1½ miles.	Senate Education
<b><u>S 1532</u></b> Sen. Evan Frasure	K-12 Ed	<b>Amends IC 33-501 to provide that the board of county commissioners in which a district resides will have the power to draw and redefine school district trustee zones (currently power of SBOE).</b>	<b>Senate Education</b>
<b><u>S 1533</u></b> Sen. Atwell Parry	Higher Ed	<b>Increases the amount of sales tax that is automatically distributed to the permanent building fund each year from \$500,000 to \$5 million.</b>	<b>Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>SCR 140</u></b> Sen. Gary Schroeder Sen. Moon Wheeler	K-12 Ed	To send an advisory vote to the electors regarding an increase in sales tax and dedicating the additional revenue for construction of elementary and secondary public school facilities.	Held in Senate Loc Gov
<b><u>SCR 147</u></b> Sen. Betsy Dunklin	Pre K	Initiates a process where the SDE and DHW collaborate in researching and reporting how we can ensure every child enters school with appropriate preliteracy skills and readiness to learn.	<b>Senate 10<sup>th</sup> Order</b>
<b><u>SCR 148</u></b> Sen. Betsy Dunklin	K-12 Ed	The Governor, SPI, SBOE and local districts shall take steps to ensure Hispanic and limited English proficiency students are receiving a thorough education, the SBOE and SPI require reports from districts, and the SPI report on the progress.	<b>Senate 10<sup>th</sup> Order</b>
<b><u>SCR 150</u></b> Sen. Judi Danielson	All Ed	Declares November 2000 to be Idaho Literacy Month.	Senate Adopted House Education
<b><u>SCR 153</u></b> Carl Bianchi	All Agencies	Approves and extends all agency temporary rules with the exception of those specifically rejected by the appropriate legislative committee.	Senate Adopted <b>House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
<b><u>SCR 155</u></b> Sen. Clint Stennett Sen. John Andreason	K-12 Ed	<b>Resolution to support civic education and declare the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September as Idaho Legislators Back to School Day.</b>	<b>Senate 10<sup>th</sup> Order</b>
<b><u>SCR 156</u></b> Sen. Hal Bunderson Rep. Randy Hansen	All Agencies	<b>Directs the Dept of Administration to report all state facility leases, including course of action and timeline recommended to provide for the lowest cost over the time the facilities are needed.</b>	<b>Senate 10<sup>th</sup> Order</b>
<b><u>SJR 104</u></b> Sen. Gary Schroeder	K-12 Ed	Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow school districts to incur indebtedness with the assent of 60% rather than 2/3 of the qualified electors of a school district.	Senate Loc Gov
<b><u>SR 106</u></b> Sen. Bart Davis	Reading Ed	<b>Declares the importance of reading and that March 2, 2000 be Read Across Idaho Day.</b>	<b>Senate 10<sup>th</sup> Order</b>
<b><u>Rules</u></b>	K-12 Ed	EXITING STANDARDS. Establishment of state exiting standards as a minimum requirement for high school graduation. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Approved House & Senate Education
<b><u>Rules</u></b>	K-12 Ed	SPECIAL EDUCATION. Additions, revisions or deletions to state rules are proposed for evaluations, eligibility, individualized education programs, parent and student rights, performance goals and indicators, advisory panel appointment procedures, liability for assistive technology devices, and participation of students with disabilities in statewide testing. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Approved House & Senate Education
<b><u>Rules</u></b>	K-12 Ed	CERTIFICATION. Technical changes to rules related to certification, specifically pertinent to the Administrator Certificate, the Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education Blended Certificate; the School Nurse endorsement; and the Family and Consumer Sciences endorsement. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Approved House & Senate Education



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<b><u>Rules</u></b>	K-12 Ed	CHARTER SCHOOLS. Date change for calculating unused allotments of charter schools from June 1 to October 1 annually, necessary to be consistent with Idaho Code 33-5203. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Approved House & Senate Education
<b><u>Rules</u></b>	Bd. of Nursing	NURSING. Provide standards, criteria, and curriculum requirements for nursing education programs, to provide for flexibility with future changes in education while assuring an acceptable level of safety and learning effectiveness for students. The Board of Nursing is carrying these rules. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Approved by H & W Committees
<b><u>Rules</u></b>	PTE	PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION. Repeal general administrative rules related to the Division of Vocational Education and replaces them with revised rules that are consistent with current federal, state and Board laws, policy and practice. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Approved House & Senate Education
<b><u>Rules</u></b>	OSBE	STATE STUDENT INCENTIVE GRANT. Changes State Student Incentive Grant program to Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership program to conform to federal changes. <i>*Endorsed by SBOE</i>	Approved House & Senate Education