

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-first Legislature Second Regular Session - 2012

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-118, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF CURRICULAR MATERIALS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FEES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD SHALL, BY RULE, DETERMINE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REVIEWS AND APPROVES ONLINE COURSES AND THE FEES NECESSARY TO DEFRAY THE DEPARTMENT'S COST OF SUCH REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 33-118, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-118. COURSES OF STUDY -- CURRICULAR MATERIALS -- ONLINE COURSES. (1) The state board shall prescribe the minimum courses to be taught in all public elementary and secondary schools, and shall cause to be prepared and issued, such syllabi, study guides and other instructional aids as the board shall from time to time deem necessary.

(2) The board shall ~~also~~ determine how and under what rules curricular materials shall be adopted for the public schools, including the fees necessary to defray the cost of such adoption process. The board shall require all publishers of textbooks approved for use to furnish the department of education with electronic format for literary and nonliterary subjects when electronic formats become available for nonliterary subjects, in a standard format approved by the board, from which reproductions can be made for use by the blind.

(3) The board shall, by rule, determine the process by which the department of education reviews and approves online courses, pursuant to section 33-1627, Idaho Code, and the fees necessary to defray the department's cost of such review and approval process.