

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1208

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM; AMENDING CHAPTER 8, TITLE 46, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 46-805, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING A SUNSET DATE.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 8, Title 46, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 46-805, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

46-805. YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM.

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

(b) The program shall be eligible to receive and expend any moneys provided to the program including, but not limited to, private contributions. In the event that moneys for any fiscal year are inadequate to fund the youth challenge program, the program shall be discontinued. The decision to discontinue the program due to inadequate funding shall be made by the legislature and the governor in a joint letter provided to the adjutant general and signed by the governor, the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

(2) The youth challenge program shall be administered by the state adjutant general in conjunction with:

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

(b) A governing board, the members of which shall be appointed by the governor. The size of such governing board and qualifications and terms of board members shall be provided for in rule authorized by this section.

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

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

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

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

11 (6) The provisions of this section shall be null and void and of no force
12 and effect on and after July 1, 2014.

13 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
15 passage and approval. The provisions of this act shall be null, void and of
16 no force and effect on and after July 1, 2014.