

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 451

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURSES OF INSTRUCTION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1618, IDAHO CODE,
TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ASSESSMENT EXEMPTIONS; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 33-1618, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

33-1618. ASSESSMENT ~~EXCEPTION~~ EXEMPTION. A student who has not been
enrolled for two (2) full school years in an elementary or secondary school
in the United States and who scores less than a level ~~four (4)~~ two (2) on
the state English language proficiency assessment used to determine Eng-
lish language proficiency may be ~~excluded~~ exempted from requirements to
participate in Idaho's direct writing assessment and in Idaho's direct
mathematics assessment if the parent or guardian of such student and the
student's teacher agree that such an exclusion is educationally appropriate
~~for the student.~~ the Idaho reading indicator assessment required under the
provisions of this title. Each school shall determine whether a student
will be exempted from the Idaho reading indicator assessment before the fall
assessment date and shall not change such student's exemption status for the
remainder of that school year. A school may require any student who qual-
ifies for the exemption provided in this section to take the Idaho reading
indicator assessment if the school determines that such assessment is educa-
tionally appropriate or a necessary prerequisite for such student to qualify
for additional education services.

SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
July 1, 2024.