

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1234

BY WERK

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS; AMENDING CHAPTER 24, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE,  
2 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-2410, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE RE-  
3 QUIRED PROPRIETARY SCHOOL DISCLOSURES TO STUDENTS.  
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Chapter 24, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
8 ignated as Section 33-2410, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 33-2410. PROPRIETARY SCHOOL DISCLOSURES TO STUDENTS. (1) At least  
10 fifteen (15) days before any student enters into any contract or binding  
11 agreement of any kind with any proprietary school for any course of study,  
12 the school must provide the student with a written disclosure of information  
13 required by this section and the student must sign a dated document indicat-  
14 ing that the student has received such disclosure, and be provided a complete  
15 copy of the disclosure.

16 (2) The written disclosure of information required by this section  
17 shall relate to the course of study selected by the student and shall in-  
18 clude:

19 (a) The name of the course of study, the number of hours per week and  
20 number of weeks required for successful completion of the course;

21 (b) The cost of the course of study charged by the school, the estimated  
22 cost of any required books or equipment and any related reasonably fore-  
23 seeable costs;

24 (c) The number of years that the course of study has been offered by the  
25 school, and the date the preceding course of study began at the school;

26 (d) The number of students who were enrolled on the first day of the last  
27 preceding course of study by the school and, if the course of study is  
28 still in progress, the number of students originally enrolled who are  
29 still enrolled on the date of the disclosure delivered pursuant to this  
30 section;

31 (e) The number of students who have completed the preceding course of  
32 study, or if the preceding course of study is not yet completed, then the  
33 number of students who enrolled and the number of students who completed  
34 the last course of study; and

35 (f) Regarding those who have completed the course of study identified  
36 in subsection (1) (e) of this section, the number of students who at the  
37 time of this disclosure have a full-time paying job that uses the skills  
38 acquired in the course of study and the number of students who have a  
39 part-time paying job that uses the skills acquired in the course of  
40 study.

1           (3) In addition to the disclosures required in subsection (2) of this  
2 section, the school shall provide the following specific general disclo-  
3 sures in bold and conspicuous type:

4           (a) "YOU ARE ADVISED THAT ANY LOANS YOU OBTAIN MUST BE REPAYED BY YOU AND  
5 THAT SUCH LOANS WILL EARN INTEREST AND MIGHT NOT BE DISCHARGEABLE IN A  
6 BANKRUPTCY, WHICH MEANS YOU WOULD HAVE TO REPAY THE LOAN EVEN IF YOU FILE  
7 BANKRUPTCY."

8           (b) "YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CHECK THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY OCCUPATION YOU  
9 WISH TO ENTER TO BE SURE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IF YOU COMPLETE  
10 THE COURSE OF STUDY."

11           (c) "IF YOU PLAN TO USE CREDITS FROM THIS SCHOOL AT ANOTHER SCHOOL, YOU  
12 SHOULD CHECK WITH THE OTHER SCHOOL TO BE SURE THE CREDITS ARE TRANS-  
13 FERRABLE."

14           (4) The failure of any educational institution to provide this disclo-  
15 sure, as provided herein, entitles a student to rescind any contract or bind-  
16 ing agreement of any kind until fifteen (15) days after such disclosure has  
17 been provided and, if rescinded, to receive a full refund of any amount paid  
18 by the student; and any amounts paid on behalf of the student shall be re-  
19 funded to the entity paying such amount. This provision shall be included in  
20 its entirety in any disclosure made pursuant to this section.