

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1332, As Amended

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 22, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-2213, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE INDUSTRY
3 PARTNER FUND AND RELATED PROVISIONS, GRANT RULEMAKING AUTHORITY AND TO
4 PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 22, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 33-2213, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 33-2213. INDUSTRY PARTNER FUND. (1) There is hereby established in the
11 state treasury the industry partner fund. The fund shall consist of moneys
12 made available through legislative transfers and appropriations, and from
13 any other source. The Idaho technical college leadership council (TCLC) and
14 the administrator of the division of professional-technical education shall
15 together administer the fund pursuant to the provisions of this section, and
16 for the purpose of providing timely access to relevant college credit and
17 noncredit training and support projects. If practicable, such training and
18 projects may result in Idaho public college credits, certificates, certi-
19 fications, qualifications or microcertifications of value toward postsec-
20 ondary certificates or degrees.

21 (2) The professional-technical colleges may work with regional in-
22 dustry partners to provide a rapid response to gaps in skills and abilities
23 using moneys from the fund. Any professional-technical college seeking to
24 use moneys from the fund for this purpose must submit a proposal documenting
25 established needs to the TCLC and administrator for approval. The TCLC and
26 administrator shall consider the proposals in light of regional demand,
27 labor market information, wage thresholds, impact potential and degree of
28 employer commitment. Preference will be given to proposals with multiple
29 employers, number of impacted workers and demonstrated commitment. Demon-
30 strated commitment must include a promissory contribution, either in terms
31 of cash or in-kind contribution to the project cost with highest consid-
32 eration given to match proposals. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of a
33 proposal, the TCLC and administrator shall notify in writing the profes-
34 sional-technical college as to whether the proposal has been approved.

35 (3) The state board for professional-technical education may promul-
36 gate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

37 (4) No later than February 1 of each year, the TCLC and the adminis-
38 trator of the division of professional-technical education shall provide
39 a report to the joint finance-appropriations committee, the legislative
40 services office, budget and policy analysis, the division of financial man-
41 agement within the governor's office and to the education committees of the
42 senate and the house of representatives, details regarding the proposals

1 submitted, the proposals approved, the expenditures made from the industry
2 partner fund and any other information requested by the legislature.