

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 577

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE  
2 ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1627, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE LEGISLA-  
3 TIVE FINDINGS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL  
4 PROMOTE IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH  
5 CERTAIN ACTIVITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND TO PROVIDE  
6 THAT THE COST SHALL BE PAID FROM CERTAIN APPROPRIATED MONEYS.  
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Chapter 16, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
10 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
11 ignated as Section 33-1627, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

12 33-1627. MATH INITIATIVE. (1) The legislature finds that mathematical  
13 skills are increasingly important to the future academic and career success  
14 of students. The legislature further finds that student mathematical skills  
15 are not currently meeting the needs of Idaho's economy and must be improved.  
16 To this end, the state department of education shall promote the improvement  
17 of mathematical instruction and student achievement through one (1) or more  
18 of the following activities:

19 (a) Provide high quality professional development for teachers that is  
20 intensive, ongoing and connected to classroom practice, that focuses on  
21 student learning, aligns with school improvement priorities and goals,  
22 and builds strong working relationships among teachers;

23 (b) Provide statewide online mathematical instruction programs that  
24 furnish mathematical tutoring, remedial instruction and advanced in-  
25 struction;

26 (c) Provide formative assessments to assist teachers in identifying  
27 student mathematical skill levels, areas of deficiency and areas of  
28 advancement.

29 (2) The cost of math initiative activities provided for in this section  
30 shall be paid by the state department of education from moneys appropriated  
31 for this program in the educational support program budget.