

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1326

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-  
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-133, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO  
3 ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO REPORTING CERTAIN STATISTICAL INFOR-  
4 MATION AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO A STATEWIDE DATABASE.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 1, 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 33-133, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 33-133. TEACHERS -- CLASSROOM SIZE -- REPORTING. (1) Definitions. The  
11 following terms have the following meanings:

12 (a) "Teacher" means an individual holding a teaching certificate is-  
13 sued by the state department of education.

14 (b) "Classroom" means a place where groups of students meet for in-  
15 struction in a particular subject, including students enrolled in  
16 virtual schools or charter schools.

17 (c) "Classroom instructor" means an individual holding a teaching cer-  
18 tificate issued by the state department of education and who has been  
19 assigned to teach students one (1) or more subjects.

20 (d) "Class size" means the number of students who regularly appear in an  
21 instructor's classroom or on a class roster and for whom the classroom  
22 instructor is primarily responsible and accountable.

23 (e) "Pupil-teacher ratio" means the total number of students in a  
24 school building divided by the total number of teachers working in that  
25 school building. For the purposes of this act, the term "school build-  
26 ing" also includes virtual charter schools.

27 (f) "Total caseload" means the total number of students serviced by  
28 classroom instructors in a secondary school setting.

29 (2) Reporting.

30 (a) The state department of education shall gather statistical infor-  
31 mation using a unified approach that will demonstrate:

32 (i) The total number of teachers actively employed within an  
33 Idaho school district listed by individual school building;

34 (ii) The pupil-teacher ratio for every Idaho school district  
35 listed by individual school building;

36 (iii) The number of elementary classroom teachers in every Idaho  
37 school building listed by grade and subject;

38 (iv) The number of secondary classroom teachers in every Idaho  
39 school building listed by grade and subject;

40 (v) The class size in every Idaho elementary school building  
41 listed by teacher; and

- 1           (vi) The class size, by each section and by total caseload, in ev-
- 2            ery secondary school building listed by teacher.
- 3           (b) The report under this subsection shall be prepared and published
- 4           once annually by January 1 and shall be made available on a public web-
- 5           site maintained by the state department of education.
- 6           (c) For purposes of this subsection, each teacher will be identified by
- 7           a unique numeric identifier and not by individual name.
- 8           (3) Statewide database. The state department of education shall main-
- 9           tain a statewide database of the statistical information collected and pub-
- 10          lished.