LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
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IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1267

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT
RELATING TO STEM EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-523, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING A STEM DIPLOMA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 5, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 33-523, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

33-523. STEM DIPLOMA. (1) For purposes of this section, "STEM" means science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
(2) A public school student who successfully completes all graduation requirements established by the state board of education shall receive a high school diploma designated as a STEM diploma if the student earned at least:
(a) Eight (8) credits in mathematics;
(b) Eight (8) credits in science; and
(c) In addition to the credits listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, five (5) credits in the student's choice of any or all subjects of science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
(3) This section does not require a student to complete more than the total credits required to graduate as determined by the state board of education.
(4) A student who has completed eight (8) or more credits in mathematics that include algebra II or a higher-level mathematics class before the student's senior year is not required to take a mathematics class in the student's senior year.
(5) Each school district and public charter school may create a diploma with a special STEM designation for students who meet the requirements of this section.
(6) The state board of education may promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

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 its passage and approval.