

2020 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 13

INCREASING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, a portion of every Idaho resident's driver license fee goes into the driver education account utilized by the Idaho State Department of Education to reimburse Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that provide public driver education programs; and

WHEREAS, 97 LEAs in the State of Idaho received reimbursement from the State Department of Education to operate their public school driver training programs during FY2018; and

WHEREAS, currently LEAs receive \$125 in reimbursements for each student who completes their program; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursements limit has not changed since 1996; and

WHEREAS, the cost of administering Idaho's public school driver training programs has continued to increase over time; and

WHEREAS, students paid an average fee of \$173.11 to take a public driver education training course in FY2018; and

WHEREAS, Idaho LEAs subsidized public driver training programs by \$259,992.24 in FY2018; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of FY2018, Idaho's driver education account totaled \$4,083,165.57, up from \$3,707,709.00 in FY2017, a more than 10% increase in the overall fund balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho School Boards Association shall work to revise Section 33-1707, Idaho Code, increasing the driver training reimbursement to LEAs from \$125 to \$150 per student completing the program.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Currently, Section 33-1707, Idaho Code, sets the amount LEAs receive in reimbursement at \$125 per student completing a public driver education program. Increasing the reimbursement from \$125 to \$150 per student will prevent LEAs from using discretionary funds to support their driver training programs and decrease the amount students have to pay in Driver Education fees to sustain these programs.

Submitted by Boise School District No. 1

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ISBA EXECUTIVE BOARD: DO PASS

Brian Pyper of the ISBA Executive Board will address the Executive Board's recommendation to the membership at the Business Session of the Annual Convention.