

IDAPA 08 – STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

08.01.13 – RULES GOVERNING THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

DOCKET NO. 08-0113-1901

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section 33-4303, Idaho Code.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Interested persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must respond to this notice by contacting the undersigned either in writing, by email, or by calling the phone number listed below. To participate, responses must be received by close of business on July 19, 2019.

Should a reasonable number of persons respond to this notice, negotiated meetings will be scheduled and all scheduled meetings shall be posted and made accessible on the agency website at the address listed below.

Failure of interested persons to respond to this notice of intent or the lack of a sufficient number of responses to this notice of intent may result in the discontinuation of further informal proceedings. In either event, the agency shall have sole discretion in determining the feasibility of scheduling and conducting informal negotiated rulemaking and may proceed directly to formal rulemaking if proceeding with negotiated rulemaking is deemed infeasible.

Upon the conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusions reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary. The summary will be made available to interested persons who contact the agency or, if the agency chooses, the summary may be posted on the agency website.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principal issues involved:

IDAPA 08.01.13, Rules Governing the Opportunity Scholarship Program, set academic and financial eligibility requirements and application procedures and deadlines for the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship Program. Historically, this scholarship has been targeted towards traditional full-time students. SB1279 (2018) amended Section 33-4303, Idaho Code, authorizing the Board to award up to 20% of the funds appropriated for the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship to non-traditional students with 24 or more credits. In order to make awards to this population of students amendments need to be made to the existing student eligibility requirements and deadlines for the scholarship that will allow for non-traditional students, with some credits and no degree, who are more likely to be working full-time and supporting a family, to take a smaller course load than full-time. Additional areas identified for amendments for making awards to this population include amendments to the application deadline and FAFSA completion deadline, minimum grade point average, and establishing the amount of time this population of students needs to be out of school prior to being eligible for the scholarship. This rule will allow for alternate deadlines and course load requirements for students that meet the definition of the “Adult Learner” with 24 or more credits and are eligible for the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship. Additional amendments to this section of rule will include any technical corrections identified during the negotiated rulemaking process.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, requests for special meeting accommodations or accessibility, contact Tracie Bent at tracie.bent@osbe.idaho.gov or (208) 332-1582. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Idaho State Board of Education web site at the following web address: <https://boardofed.idaho.gov>.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2019.

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