

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation requires the expenditure of all federal COVID-19 funds available to the State for the following purposes:

- Reimbursing employers for wages paid to workers taking time off work to:
 - Receive or assist family members to receive COVID-19 vaccinations;
 - Recover from adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccinations;
 - Care for family members having adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccinations;
- Rapid COVID-19 testing for Idahoans, including school personnel and students;
- Compensating those off work due to exposure to, or contracting, COVID-19;
- Mobile vaccination clinics and in-home vaccinations for COVID-19;
- Enhanced multi-lingual capabilities for COVID-19 vaccine information and administration;
- A sick leave bank for all public employees, including school personnel;
- One-time bonus payments to essential workers; and
- A COVID-19 vaccine injury compensation program.

Pursuant to the legislation's emergency clause, it will take effect upon passage and approval.

FISCAL NOTE

Projected Increase in Appropriations of Federal Funds. There is a projected increase in existing and future appropriations of federal COVID-19 funds, but it is not possible to project the amount of such increases because their amounts and permissible uses can change over time.

No Projected Increase in Appropriations from Idaho Tax Dollars. There is no projected increase in existing or future appropriations of state or local government appropriations from state or local tax revenues because the funds to be expended are entirely federal in origin.

Possible Increase in Revenues from Federal Funds. State and local government revenues might increase to the extent that they receive federal COVID-19 funds for, among other things, (i) enhancing the availability of rapid COVID-19 testing, mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinics and in-home COVID-19 vaccinations; and (ii) the reimbursement of wages paid to public employees taking time off work for the COVID-19 related matters authorized in this legislation.

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Sixty-sixth Legislature

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO



First Regular Session - 2021

IN THE _____

BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

RELATING TO COVID-19; AMENDING TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A
NEW CHAPTER 97, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING
CERTAIN COVID-19-RELATED FUNDING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended
by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-
ter 97, Title 67, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 97

COVID-19-RELATED FUNDING

67-9701. COVID-19-RELATED FUNDING. The state of Idaho finds that cer-
tain relief should be provided to the citizens of the state through use of
COVID-19-related funding received from the federal government. Specifi-
cally, COVID-19-related funding, to the extent available, shall be used for
the following:

- (1) Reimbursing employers for wages paid to workers for time off work:
 - (a) For the purpose of receiving, and assisting family members to re-
ceive, vaccinations;
 - (b) To recover from any adverse reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine; and
 - (c) To care for family members having adverse reactions to the COVID-19
vaccine;
- (2) Rapid COVID-19 testing for citizens of the state, including school
personnel and students;
- (3) Compensation for those off work due to exposure to COVID-19 or con-
tracting COVID-19;
- (4) Mobile vaccination clinics and in-home vaccinations for COVID-19;
- (5) Enhanced multilingual capabilities for COVID-19 vaccination in-
formation and administration;
- (6) A sick leave bank for all public employees, including school per-
sonnel;
- (7) Onetime bonus payments to essential workers; and
- (8) A COVID-19 vaccine injury compensation program to be used for the
recovery of damages to be determined by department of insurance rules with
due regard for similar compensable injuries as evaluated under the worker's
compensation program for those injured by a COVID-19 vaccine but unable to
bring suit against any pharmaceutical company.

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.

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