

**Department: Public School Support**  
**Division: Administrators/Teachers/Operations Divisions**

**Sponsor(s):**  
**Sen: Woodward**

**Description: Charter School Funding Cap Temporary Removal (§33-5208, IC)**

**1. Information**

Section 33-5208, Idaho Code states that "no public charter school shall receive an increase in support units that exceeds the support units it received in the prior year by more than thirty (30)." This statutory cap was originally added as "20" in 2005 and amended to "30" in 2007 - both amendments were included in a public schools appropriation bill. For FY 2021, the cap has impacted two virtual charter schools: Idaho Virtual Academy and Inspire Connections for an estimated impact of 69.33 support units.

Appropriated Division	Fund	Type	OT	Total
Administrators	General Fund	GEN	✓	\$431,900
Teachers	General Fund	GEN	✓	\$6,527,900
Operations	General Fund	GEN	✓	\$703,100
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$7,662,900</b>

**2. Reopen Motion:**

"I request unanimous consent to reopen the fiscal year 2021 budget for the Public School Support Program." *This action is not needed if budget is already open.*

**3. Funding Motion:**

I move for the Public School Support Program for fiscal year 2021, onetime from the General Fund the addition of \$431,900 in the Administrators Division, the addition of \$6,527,900 in the teachers division, and the addition of \$703,100 in the operations division.

**4. Language Motion:**

**I move the acceptance of the appropriation bill language as shown on the screen: (See below)** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 33-5208(1), Idaho Code, and any other provision of law to the contrary, the number of support units calculated for virtual charter schools shall not be limited and the Department of Education shall distribute the funding associated with those support units that otherwise would have been limited as soon as practicable.