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## IDAHO SENATE APPROVES FINAL BILL IN STUDENTS COME FIRST PLAN

BOISE - The Idaho Senate today approved the final bill in the Students Come First plan on a 20-15 vote.

"We are another step closer to reforming Idaho's public education system," Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said. "I thank the senators for their passionate debate, hearing from the public, considering the facts, and voting accordingly."

Senate Bill 1184 is the third bill in the Students Come First education reform package put forward by Superintendent Luna and Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter. The first two bills have already been signed into law. The third bill stabilizes the public schools budget next year and reforms the classroom to ensure every Idaho student is prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The third bill now moves on to the House Education Committee for consideration. For more information on Students Come First, visit <u>http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/studentsComeFirst/</u>.

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