



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## IDAHO VOICES FOR CHILDREN PASSES DE FACTO CUSTODIAN ACT!!!!

**SB1382a – The De Facto Custodian Act** has passed both the House and the Senate unanimously! The bill will be signed by the Governor on April 6. This legislation establishes a new custodial remedy for grandparents or other relative caregivers seeking legal custody of grandchildren or relatives. It provides a process for a court to use when deciding whether or not to grant de facto custodian status to a grandparent or other relative. Further, it specifies standards and incorporates by reference present statutes to be applied when evaluating best interests of a child when considering whether or not to award custody rights to a de facto custodian. The legislation sets out content requirements of a petition or motion to be filed with the court to commence a de facto custodianship proceeding, and it sets forth written requirements for notification to parties that may have an interest in the child.

## ENACTED IVC-SUPPORTED LEGISLATION

**SB 1335a Immunization Registry; Sponsor Sens. Lodge and McGee, Rep. Wood**  
Amends existing law relating to immunization to remove language regarding a voluntary immunization registry, among other changes. The bill has been signed by the Senate President.

**HB 610 Child Protective Act; Sponsor Sen. Lodge, Reps. Block, Wills and Luker**  
Amends the existing Child Protective Act, clarifies definitions and adds new sections authorizing the Department of Health & Welfare to consider placement priority and an expedited placement with a fit and willing relative. The bill is law.

## ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION RELATING TO CHILDREN ENACTED THIS SESSION

**SB 1338 Education – Military Children**  
Adds to existing law relating to education to provide educational opportunity for military children, to provide findings and purpose, to provide rulemaking authority and to provide for a responsible individual. The bill is law.

**HB 493: Education – Mastery Advancement Pilot Program**  
The Master Advancement Pilot Project (MAAP) will provide school districts and students the opportunity and incentive to voluntarily move more rapidly through the educational curriculum. The bill has been sent to the Governor.

**HB 579 Education**  
Adds to existing law relating to education to provide for transferring of certain grades and credits to a student's high school transcript and to provide for non-application to senior projects. The bill is law.

**SB1312 The Child Protective Act**  
The Senate Child Protective Act amends an existing law relating to the Child Protective Act to provide that the Department of Health and Welfare need not make reasonable efforts to prevent the placement of a child into foster care where a parent has committed an injury to a child that results in a serious or great bodily injury. The Act has been sent to the Governor.

**S1418 Appropriation, Public School**  
The bill outlines the budgetary spending on public schools. The amount allotted has been reduced.