

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**RS26244**

This bill seeks to make computer science courses accessible to all Idaho high school students. It would require Idaho school districts to offer at least one or more in-school, elective computer science courses in each of their high schools. The schools would have until 2020 to implement the courses through on-line, remote, or in class instruction. Recent policy changes at the federal and state level will make it easier for schools to meet the objectives of this bill. Online IDLA courses are available in most Idaho high schools.

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill should have no fiscal impact on the General Fund. Existing professional development money can be used for schools and districts which have teachers willing to lead these critical courses.

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