

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24457

This bill provides college scholarships to students who earn college credits while in high school. The intent of the bill is to encourage Idaho's high school students to: 1) attend post-secondary schools in Idaho; 2) enter a post-secondary field of study where there are good paying jobs which will help Idaho's economy grow; and 3) take rigorous courses while in high school. The bill requires a matching postsecondary scholarship. A student who earns 10 to 19 college credits will qualify for a \$1000 state scholarship/year, good at any state college or university, for up to two years if a matching scholarship is received. A student who earns 20 or more college credits will qualify for a \$2,000 state scholarship/year for up to two years if a matching scholarship is received. A student who earns an Associate Degree while still in high school will qualify for a full tuition state scholarship/year for up to two years if a matching scholarship is received.

FISCAL NOTE

\$1 million from the General Fund for the first year

\$2 million from the General Fund for the second and succeeding years

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