

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Professional Standards Commission is established in Section 33-1252, Idaho Code. Sections 33-1252 and 33-1254, Idaho Code, authorize the commission to adopt professional codes and standards of ethics for approval by the State Board of Education and make recommendations to the Board in areas of educator certification and educator preparation standards. The commission is made up of 18 members appointed by the State Board of Education. In addition to making recommendations regarding professional codes and standards of ethics to the State Board of Education, the Commission investigates complaints regarding the violation of such standards and makes recommendations to the State Board of Education in areas of educator certification and educator preparation standards. The proposed legislation would provide for technical corrections and update existing terms to distinguish clearly between codes of conduct (ethics) and educator preparation standards, as well as areas of responsibility. Additional amendments will clarify the Boards authority to appoint members to the commission from other education stakeholder groups nominations as long as it does not impact the groups currently identified to provide nominations.

FISCAL NOTE

The Professional Standards Commission is funded through the collection of certification fees collected by the State Department of Education; the proposed changes would provide clarification of existing practices and would not generate any fiscal impact.

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