

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS28973 / H0398

This an FY 2022 appropriation bill for the Public School Support Program's Division of Children's Programs to provide funding for homeless children and youth in Idaho's schools. This funding is the result of the American Rescue Plan Act and part of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER).

The purpose of these funds is to address the immediate needs of children and youth identified as homeless, including academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs during the pandemic. These are one time funds and are being provided in addition to the normal funding Idaho receives for this program.

Funds may be used to pay for short-term temporary housing; purchasing need supplies such as PPE, eyeglasses, personal care items, and school supplies; wraparound services including after-school programs and tutoring; technology and Wi-Fi; and other allowable uses.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill provides \$2,881,900 onetime from the federal American Rescue Plan Fund.

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