

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill reviews the powers and duties section of Idaho Code 33-1224 and defines corporal punishment, physical escorts, restraints, seclusion and explicitly prohibits corporal punishment to be used as a classroom punishment method. It further prohibits restraint and seclusion as a form of discipline or classroom governance. It clarifies that restraint and seclusion may only be deployed if a student has placed themselves, an employee, or other students and employees in imminent danger. It requires each school district and charter school board to adopt a policy that conforms to the statute and ensures a clear and transparent reporting requirement to parents or legal guardians. Staff directly assigned to students exhibiting aggressive or dangerous behaviors must be trained on the correct use of restraint and seclusion and de-escalation techniques. Finally, it directs the State Department of Education to prepare resources, guidance, and training modules to support each local education agency to adhere to the provisions of the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government nor does it cause an increase or decrease in revenue for state or local government therefore the legislation has no fiscal impact.

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