

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill amends Idaho Code Section 67-827A to allow for a single criminal background check at the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS) to satisfy consolidated agency's federal and state regulations. Specifically, it outlines the requirement for criminal background checks on prospective IT employees and contractors working with the OITS. Currently, consolidated departments, agencies and commissions supported by OITS require up to ten separate criminal background checks due to state and federal regulations, which needlessly cost the state more money and staff time. These background checks will apply to individuals providing IT services to state agencies in twelve disciplines, ranging from network engineering and software development to data science and IT management. The background check will involve fingerprinting and will include searches of both the Idaho and FBI criminal databases.

FISCAL NOTE

At current staffing levels, it is estimated that this change will save the state \$8,800 a year in dedicated fund background check expenses. At estimated staffing levels upon final implementation of ITS modernization, the savings will increase to \$12,200 per year. There is no known current or future fiscal impact to any federal, or local funds, nor is there any known cost to the public.

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