

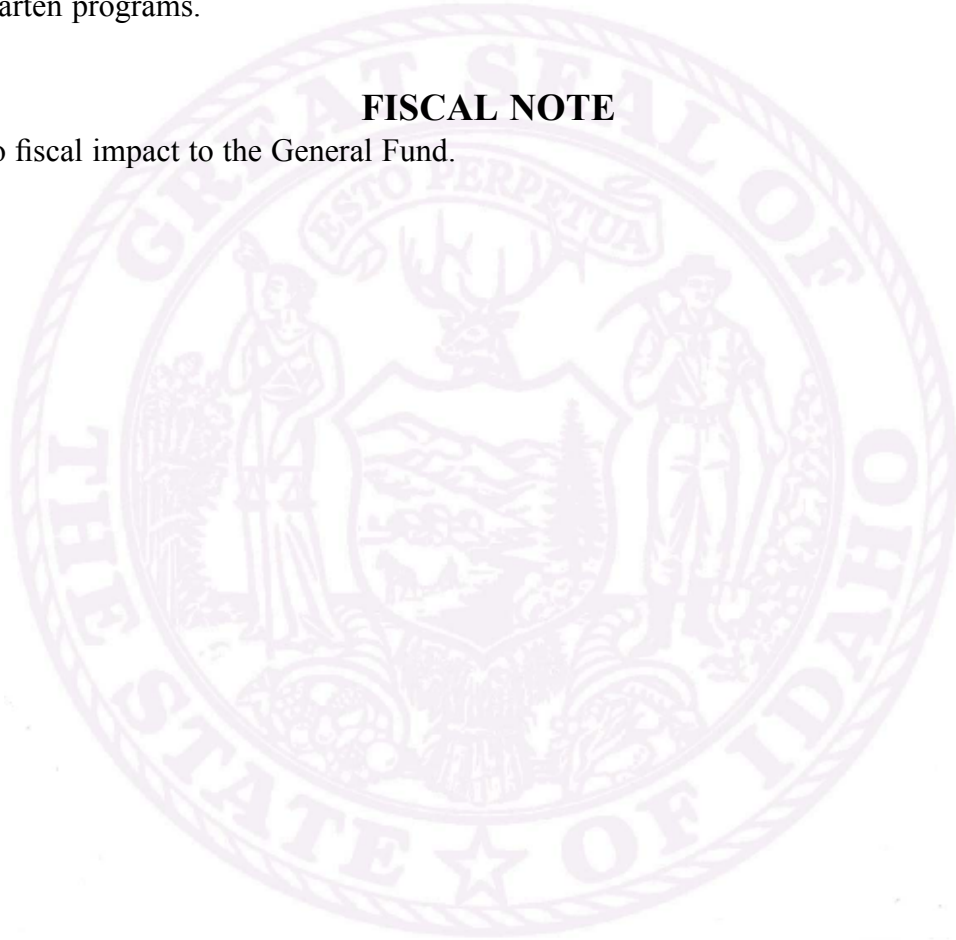
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18409

The purpose of this RS is to reduce the age at which children may be enrolled in public schools and, thereby, effectively authorize, but not require, public school districts to establish prekindergarten programs. This RS also provides that (i) public school districts shall not make prekindergarten programs compulsory; and (ii) there would be no state appropriation for the provision of prekindergarten programs. This RS includes housekeeping amendments to relevant statutes where the reference to "prekindergarten" programs to align those statutes with the possible creation of prekindergarten programs.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.



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