

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS22011

Appropriates an additional \$1,392,100 to the Military Division for the Idaho National Guard Youth Challenge Program; and authorizes an additional five full-time equivalent positions.

### FISCAL NOTE

Located in Pierce, Idaho, the Youth Challenge Program is a youth intervention program that provides a structured, disciplined, 22 week residential phase focusing on education and practical life skills. This is followed by a 12 month post-residential phase involving skilled and trained mentors supporting graduates engaged in positive, durable placement. Eligible male and female candidates must be a resident of Idaho, a high school dropout between 16 to 18 years of age, unemployed, drug free, not on parole, and have no felony convictions. Funding for this program includes a mix of dedicated and federal funds. Dedicated funds will come from private donations and from Public School average daily attendance state moneys that will be available once the school begins operation in January 2014.

For FY 2013, this bill appropriates \$970,300 from dedicated funds and \$421,800 from federal funds, for a total of \$1,392,100. It also increases the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions by five. Of the \$970,300 in dedicated funds, \$829,700 is provided for facility improvements and modular student housing. The remaining \$140,600 is provided for federal matching funds of \$421,800 to cover salaries, utilities, and operational supplies during the start-up phase of this new program. The match rate is calculated at 75% federal and 25% non-federal.

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