

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to improve student safety by addressing the allocation of the public schools' share of Cigarette Tax revenues and the recommendations of the Safe Schools Task Force. On the issue of the distribution of the public schools' share of Cigarette Tax revenues, this allows the actual cost of drug tests for juveniles to be transferred to the Idaho State Police to defray toxicology lab costs, rather than the \$250,000 amount fixed previously in code (or the \$200,000 directed through budgetary intent language). This legislation also increases school district flexibility in the use of the balance of these funds by broadening its uses to include the development and implementation of school safety improvements, in addition to the traditional substance abuse prevention uses. As recommended by the task force, it also requires school trustees to have a school safety plan for each school, and to meet annually with first responders to update the plans.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact to the General Fund. By limiting the transfer to the Idaho State Police to actual costs, this legislation will likely result in less of these dedicated revenues flowing to the Idaho State Police, and more to school districts for use in improving school safety.

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