

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23472

This legislation directs the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to begin the process of removing Idaho from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing requirements. Taking the SBAC test will not be a requirement for students to graduate from Idaho public schools.

FISCAL NOTE

According to estimates from the Legislative Services Office (LSO)—based on numbers of students taking the SBAC tests, and Idaho's portion of the cost of administering the SBAC—the potential savings from not administering the test will amount to a \$1,814,228 increase in the General Fund. (See line 1 below.) It is possible that Idaho would be penalized for not administering a Common Core compatible test to at least 95% of grades 3-11 students. This penalty is 1% of the Title I administrative funds of the waiver. The total amount of available 2014 Title I funds for the Idaho State Department of Education to use or distribute to school districts is \$62,175,410. Thus, the penalty would be approximately \$621,754. The scenario is shown on line 2 below at a net increase in the General Fund of \$1,192,474. If the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines that a substitute test is necessary for Idaho to retain its waiver, and therefore requires a compatible substitute test of all districts (i.e. the MAP test for all 183,444 students in grades 3-9 and 11, with the PSAT and SAT/ACT covering 10th and 12th grades); the dollar amounts and net effects from one such testing option is an increase in General Funds by \$1,015,293 (see line 3 below). Of course, the Superintendent may instead allow districts to choose their own compatible substitute testing options without threatening the waiver. Therefore, gains to the General Fund may be something greater than or less than the \$1,015,293 shown on the last line, depending on the districts' choices.

Test	Savings from No SBAC	Cost of Rpl. Test	Cost of Lost Waiver	Impact on General Fund
1. No Replacement	\$1,814,228	\$0	\$0	+\$1,814,228
2. No Replacement (lose part)	\$1,814,228	\$0	\$621,754	+\$1,192,474,
3. MAP Replacement	\$1,814,228	\$ 798,935	\$0	+\$1,015,293

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