

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24518

The purpose of this act is to enhance the safety and security of students and educators who use Idaho's public schools and campuses by providing for an Office of School Safety and Security within the Division of Building Safety. DBS staff is in every school building every year for safety inspections. This legislation proposes to leverage those existing resources to establish a process and resources to also assess for security vulnerabilities. The Office will provide Idaho educators with on-site security assessments and training, identify areas of vulnerability and provide technical assistance for improvement of safety and security at schools statewide. It is in the interest of students, parents and educators to provide a safe and secure educational environment, and to provide for adaptation where necessary to cope with societal changes which affect the nature of threats and vulnerabilities to which Idaho schools may be exposed.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this program is \$570,000. Of this amount, \$300,000 would be funded with dedicated funds, and \$270,000 would be from the General Fund.

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