

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26218

This legislation amends § 33-1002(1)(q) and 33-1002(2)(r), Idaho Code, to increase the minimum distribution for the public schools' educational support program for counseling support, as provided for in § 33-1212A, Idaho Code. The Joint Finance and Appropriation Committee's 2019 Public School Support – Teachers' budget motion includes a \$2,000,000, or 28.5 percent, increase in this appropriation, and this legislation allows for a commensurate increase to the minimum distribution to school districts. The minimum would increase from \$14,000 to \$18,000 or a pro rata distribution for school districts and charter schools with 100 or more students in grades 8 through 12, whichever is greater. It also increases the distribution from \$7,000 to \$9,000 for school districts and charters schools with fewer than 100 students. Without this legislation, the increased appropriation in this line item will benefit only large school districts.

FISCAL NOTE

The Joint Finance and Appropriation Committee's 2019 Public School Support – Teachers' budget motion includes a \$2,000,000, or 28.5 percent, increase in this appropriation, and this legislation allows for a commensurate increase to the minimum distribution to school districts.

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