

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho's patrons, educators, and especially children have a reasonable expectation that Idaho's educators are free from convictions of egregious criminal acts. Current legislation prevents the abusers of children from attaining employment in Idaho schools but does not prevent perpetrators of adult violence. These revisions will apply to violations against any person of any age. This legislation would remove the conditions of "against a child" in a variety of circumstances which include "any of the following felony offenses:"

- Aggravated assault, or assault with intent to commit a serious felony
- Aggravated battery, or battery with intent to commit a serious felony
- Murder, or voluntary manslaughter
- Kidnapping
- Interstate trafficking in prostitution
- Rape

Right now, people convicted of these crimes can be hired to teach our children, if they have not yet committed such crimes against a child. This bill will also assure a higher level of safety to parents, knowing that the teacher in a classroom is free from having committed these felonious offenses.

### FISCAL NOTE

According to discussions with the State Board of Education, there are no additional costs associated with this legislation and there will be no impact to the general fund or any other state fund or expenditure. The criminal background check of teachers is a current practice and no additional funding from the general fund or any other state fund or expenditure is required.

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