

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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HB 716 (2022) moved the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel out of IDAPA 08.02.02 where they were incorporated by reference into Section 33-114A, Idaho Code. A portion of these standards is historically updated each year to help keep them up to date and relevant. The State Board of Education has identified additional or amended standards which would include state specific requirements for incorporating the college and career competencies across content areas into the certification standards. Having these standards incorporated in Idaho Code eliminated the Board's ability to initiate updates to the standards without going through the legislative process eliminates the ability for the Board to be nimble and make amendments to these standards should an emergency need arise or to add components that are identified as critical for our educators to learn. Additionally, it has been brought to Board staff attention that the removal of all of the content specific standards may have a negative impact on our educator preparation programs' current accreditation. The language in the new standards also results in no state standards for pupil service staff positions, but allows any program accredited by one of the identified accrediting bodies to be considered as meeting the now nonexistent state standards. This proposed legislation would allow the standards to be approved by the Board and placed back into the negotiated administrative rules process.

FISCAL NOTE

These amendments would not result in any additional fiscal impact to the state.

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