

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision Plyler v Doe (1982) ruled that public schools cannot deny any student enrollment based on immigration status. In order to more accurately assess the cost of educating children of people having foreign status, the purpose of this bill is to require public schools to collect and report the immigration status and language group of each enrolled student. This statute directs school districts to aggregate the immigration status already collected in student records per Idaho Code 33-133(1)(j) and 33-133(3)(c) (vi), using categories specified in 8 U.S.C. 1101 and 8 U.S.C. 1641 of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act. No personally identifiable information shall be reported for purposes of this act. This statute only requires aggregate data. These data are needed to better inform the state department of education and the Idaho legislature regarding the costs to educate these students.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no increase or decrease in revenue, or additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government; therefore, this legislation has no fiscal impact.

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