

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation requires that schools in Idaho adopt policies and procedures as it relates to school employees and their ability to conceal carry firearms for school safety purposes. Schools shall adopt policies for qualifying and authorizing employees to conceal carry. Prerequisites shall include initial and yearly refresher training in consultation with Idaho's law enforcement agencies.

Requirements are established at the local level by the governing boards of each education agency. They shall work with staff, parents, community members, and law enforcement groups in establishing policy that works best in their school districts and communities. This legislation protects the confidentiality of the employee by ensuring their approval is exempt from disclosure.

Policies and procedures regarding the process of authorization will be made available to parents and the public. Additionally, this legislation requires that any "gun free school zone" signs are accompanied with additional signage indicating there are staff who are armed in accordance with the provisions in this statute.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state General Fund. However, if the local school district or public charter school chooses to provide financial reimbursement to the employee for training, there may be a cost to those educational entities.

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