

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26774

The purpose of this bill is to give students an opportunity to demonstrate they have met the basic knowledge requirements of the State to 1.) receive a high school diploma without attending all "state required" classes that have been needed in the past or 2.) to have flexibility within their schedules to focus on Career and Technical Education (CTE), or elective programs. They shall take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Testing (ACT) or other similar examinations identified by the State Board of Education (SBE). When a student demonstrates basic skills, which is defined as "college and career ready," then they will be able to receive 1.) flexibility in their schedules; 2.) the ability to freely take post-secondary classes; or 3.) receive their accredited diploma and opt out of high school to further their educational or career goals.

### FISCAL NOTE

This bill has minimal fiscal impact to the State. A student may require additional time with a counselor. An estimated 600 students may take advantage of this opportunity. Of this total, 400 would most likely stay in school for the flexibility schedule and 200 students may choose to graduate early. A student who opts to stay in high school with flexibility will have their classes paid by the Advanced Opportunity program. A student who opts to graduate early will be provided funding to attend the Idaho institution of their choice.

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