

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26905

The purpose of this legislation is to amend Idaho Code § 49-1422 to deter injuries/fatalities at school bus stops by increasing fines for offending drivers.

While school buses remain the safest way for students to get to and from school, students who ride in buses are most vulnerable when they are outside the bus in the "danger zone." Drivers in Idaho have increased the frequency of passing school busses during the boarding and disembarking of children and the current deployment of flashing lights and the stop arm is not effective enough. Increasing the fines for this infraction will be a notable deterrent against unsafe driving behavior.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation could result in a slight increase to the General Fund. Based on an established formula, a portion of the fines collected are sent to the State Treasurer (for the General Fund and the Peace Officers Standards and Training Fund), the Highway Distribution Account, the District Court Fund, and the Public School Income Fund.

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