

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24187

This legislation directs the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to begin the process of removing Idaho from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing requirements. Taking the SBAC test will not be a requirement for students to graduate from Idaho public schools.

FISCAL NOTE

According to estimates from the Legislative Services Office (LSO)—based on numbers of students taking the SBAC tests (182,055), and Idaho's portion of the cost of administering the SBAC (\$9.26 per student)—the potential savings from not administering the test will amount to a \$1,686,000 increase in the General Fund for FY2016. (See line 1 below.)

If the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines that a substitute test is necessary for Idaho to retain its waiver or compliance with federal guidelines, and therefore requires a compatible substitute test of all districts (i.e. the MAP test for all 182,055 students in grades 3-9 and 11, with the PSAT and SAT/ACT covering 10th and 12th grades); the dollar amounts and net effects from one such testing option is an increase in General Funds by \$893,114 (see line 2 below—the MAP test estimate is \$4.36 per student tested, for a total of \$792,886). The Superintendent may instead allow districts to choose their own compatible substitute testing options without threatening the waiver. Therefore, gains to the General Fund may be something greater than or less than the \$893,114 shown on line 2, depending on the districts' choices.

Test	Savings from No SBAC	Idaho Cost of Rpl. Test	Impact on General Fund
1. No Replacement	\$1,686,000	\$0	+ \$1,686,000
2. MAP Replacement	\$1,686,000	\$792,886	+ \$893,114

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