

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24899

Currently, the PERSI retirement Rule of 90 applies to officers of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections and those employed by Idaho's counties that work in the areas of juvenile detention, juvenile probation, and misdemeanor probation. These professionals are required to have POST certification.

Similarly, emergency communications officer, who are also primarily employed by Idaho counties, with a small number employed by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare State Communications Center and the Idaho State Police, are eligible for POST certification but not currently statutorily required be certified.

The change in classification from the Rule of 90 to the Rule of 80 will better assist agencies in recruiting and retaining these employees that require extensive and extended training in their field. This change has been advocated by the aforementioned officers and it is believed this legislation will assist with recruiting and retaining issues.

FISCAL NOTE

This proposal will increase the employer contribution of the state and county agencies to PERSI from 11.32% of pay to 11.66% of pay for affected employees, a 0.34% increase in employer contribution.

The affected employees will have an increase in contribution from 6.79% of pay to 8.36% of pay, an increase of 1.57%.

The annual cost to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections will be approximately \$29,000. The annual cost to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare State Communications will be approximately \$1,600 and the cost to the Idaho State Police will approximately be \$6,400.

The employer cost spread out among the 44 counties for the public safety professionals employed in juvenile detention and juvenile and misdemeanor probation positions will be approximately \$72,100 and the cost for the counties for emergency communications officers across the counties is approximately \$73,500.

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