

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25695

The proposed legislation creates a new section of Idaho Code to provide program quality funding for career technical education secondary programs in the areas of business management and marketing, engineering and technology, family and consumer sciences, health sciences, and skilled and technical sciences. This legislation would expand funding opportunities currently available only for agricultural and natural resources education programs pursuant to Section 33-1629, Idaho Code. As part of a program quality funding framework, the Division of Career Technical Education will provide technical assistance funding to programs within program areas, including agricultural and natural resources (technical assistance funding is currently not available for agricultural and natural resources programs under Section 33-1629, Idaho Code). Program quality funding would not be available to programs offered through a career technical school or programs already receiving additional state funds. The proposed legislation will also establish a Workforce Readiness Incentive funding mechanism beginning in FY 2020. The Division will develop specific criteria to award incentive funds based on the number of secondary career technical concentrators who have demonstrated workforce readiness at the completion of their career technical education program. This incentive-based approach would more clearly demonstrate the return on investment provided by career technical education and hold career technical education programs more accountable for producing results. This approach will also ensure more career technical education students are ready for the workforce and able to meet the demands of business and industry.

FISCAL NOTE

The ongoing General Fund fiscal impact for grants distributed to school districts through the Incentive Funding Program for FY 2019 would be \$300,000. For FY 2018, the Legislature appropriated \$300,000 in ongoing General Fund for the agricultural and natural resources program. The FY 2019 recommended amount expands on that appropriation. If appropriated, the total ongoing fiscal impact of the Incentive Funding Program would be \$600,000 to the General Fund.

There will be no fiscal impact to the Workforce Readiness Incentive Fund until FY 2020. The ongoing fiscal impact of the Workforce Readiness Incentive funding will be contingent upon the award amount and the number of students who meet the eligibility criteria. That amount is currently estimated at \$300,000 for FY 2020.

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