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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 5245	Introduced on March 7, 2024
<b>Author:</b>	G.M. Smith	
<b>Subject:</b>	Charter School Enrollment Preferences	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Education and Public Works	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Bryant	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	March 22, 2024	

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill authorizes charter schools to give enrollment preference to children of active duty military servicemembers residing or stationed in South Carolina if their enrollment does not constitute more than 20 percent of the overall enrollment. The bill also revises existing enrollment preference provisions.

The S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) indicates that this bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the department. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on SCDE.

This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on local school districts. SCDE surveyed the ten regular school districts that currently authorize or sponsor charter schools and the three charter school districts. The six responding districts indicate that this bill will have no expenditure impact. Based upon these responses, we do not anticipate that the bill will have a fiscal impact on local school districts.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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#### **State Expenditure**

This bill authorizes charter schools to give enrollment preference to children of active duty military servicemembers residing or stationed in South Carolina if their enrollment does not constitute more than 20 percent of the overall enrollment.

The bill specifies that a student eligible for multiple enrollment preferences may be enrolled based on only one of the preferences, at the charter school's discretion. The bill further specifies that a student eligible for an enrollment preference that is denied the enrollment preference because the charter school has exceeded the number of enrollment preferences allowed must be permitted to participate in any enrollment lottery held by the school for the year the enrollment preference is denied.

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## State Revenue

N/A

## Local Expenditure

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## Local Revenue

N/A



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