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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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Bill Number: H. 3997 As amended by the House Judiciary on April 22, 2015  
 Author: Gilliard  
 Requestor: House Judiciary  
 Date: April 29, 2015  
 Subject: Specific Criteria to Implement Statewide Use of Body-Worn Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers  
 RFA Analyst(s): Gardner

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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$95,000	\$95,000
Other and Federal	\$0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	1.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Revenue</b>	N/A	N/A

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

House Bill 3997 would have a recurring expenditure impact on the General Fund of \$95,000. Federal Funds and Other Funds will not be affected. This expenditure impact does not include expenditures on body-worn cameras for the pilot project. If the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council is required to purchase body-worn cameras and data storage capabilities, the expenditure impact will increase.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill amends Section 23-3-90 to require that the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council conduct a pilot program to develop statewide criteria for use of body-worn cameras by law enforcement officers. At least three cooperating counties and six municipalities varying in population size will participate in the pilot, during which body-worn cameras will be actively used by law enforcement officers. The criteria developed will consider maintenance, storage and retention, use, accessibility, release, and privacy issues. The training council will thereafter provide recommendations for amending relevant state laws to the General Assembly.

**South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council.** The agency reports that it would need to hire an additional staff attorney to develop statewide use criteria for body cameras to be worn by law enforcement officers, to evaluate maintenance, retention, use and privacy issues associated

with captured data, to assist with implementation of a pilot program, to draft ensuing regulations and provide assistance with promulgation of such regulations, and to provide recommendations for necessary amendments to relevant statewide laws.

**Department of Public Safety.** The agency indicates this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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