



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4778  
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**Subject:** School Districts Accredited by AdvancED  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
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**Impact Date:** February 9, 2016

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$1,693,500	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would have an expenditure impact of \$1,693,500 to the General Fund. There is no expenditure impact to Federal Funds or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill adds Section 59-17-145 to require all local school districts to be accredited by AdvancED beginning with the 2017-18 school year. The State Department of Education can grant a waiver to any local school district for good cause.

The State Department of Education indicates an expenditure impact of \$1,693,500 in order to get all school districts accredited with AdvancED. In order to perform the accreditation, SDE would require \$750 for each of the 82 districts for a total of \$61,500. Additionally, the cost of \$750 per school for 1,264 schools is \$948,000. A diagnostic review would be performed by AdvancED on total of 35 state priority schools, 7 federal priority schools, and 16 focus schools, for a total expenditure of \$684,000. SDE would incur the expenses for the accreditation process for the local schools and local school districts.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure and Revenue**

N/A

  
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