



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S. 0123
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<b>Subject:</b>	Annual Session of the General Assembly
<b>Requestor:</b>	Senate Judiciary
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Fulmer
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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	(\$806,842)	(\$1,383,158)
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**

For FY 2016-17 and every odd-numbered year thereafter, this bill would have a savings to the General Fund of \$806,842. For FY 2017-2018 and every even-year thereafter, this bill would have a savings impact of \$1,383,158 to the General Fund. There is no expenditure or savings impact to Federal Funds and Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

The bill would require the session of the General Assembly to end on the second Thursday in March in the even-numbered years and on the second Thursday in April in the odd-numbered years. In addition, the General Assembly would pass a biennial appropriation act in each odd-numbered year.

**The Senate.** The Senate indicates a potential savings of \$31,562 per week for subsistence and mileage. By reducing the session by twelve weeks in the even-numbered years, the Senate would have a savings of \$378,746 to the General Fund. In the odd-numbered years, session would be reduced by seven weeks for a General Fund savings of \$220,935. The savings are based on the assumption of 100% attendance of the members using current reimbursement rates.

**The House of Representatives.** The House of Representatives indicates a potential savings of \$83,701 per week for subsistence and mileage. In the even-numbered years, session would be reduced by twelve weeks for a savings of \$1,004,412 to the General Fund. By reducing session by seven weeks in the odd-numbered years, the House of Representatives would have a savings

of \$585,907 to the General Fund. The savings are based on the assumption of 100% attendance of the members using current reimbursement rates.

**Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.** The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office indicates there is no savings or expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds for implementing a biennial budget process.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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