



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3776	Introduced on February 16, 2017
<b>Author:</b>	Loftis	
<b>Subject:</b>	DSS Notification Requirements	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Shuford and Kokolis	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	March 2, 2017	

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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$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**

The notification and documentation requirements of this bill will not materially alter the oversight activities of the Department of Social Services or the Department of Health and Human Services in determining benefit changes when a child is removed from a parent or caregiver due to child abuse or neglect. Therefore, this bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on February 16, 2017**

**State Expenditure**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) Division of Child Protective Services to provide the DSS Division of Economic Services, and any other appropriate divisions or agencies, the name of a parent or caregiver from whose physical custody a child has been removed due to child abuse or neglect. DSS and other agencies would then determine if the decrease in the size of the household would affect any Supplemental Nutrition Program benefits, Family Independence benefits, or other public assistance. DSS is required to document in the child's case file that they have fulfilled the notification requirements and any impact on benefits.

**Department of Social Services.** DSS indicates that a system to formalize coordination and communications between the divisions and other agencies will be developed utilizing existing personnel and agency funding. Documentation of the notification efforts and any impact on benefits will utilize the existing Child and Adult Protective Services System, which will not

materially alter DSS oversight activities. Therefore, this bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds for DSS.

**Department of Health and Human Services.** The department indicates that they receive notification from DSS when children are removed from parents or caregivers. Upon notification, the department reevaluates the parent or caregiver's eligibility for Medicaid services. As a result, this bill would not have an 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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