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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3067    Introduced on January 10, 2023  
**Author:** Yow  
**Subject:** Special Needs Student School Bus Attendants  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Bryant  
**Impact Date:** February 21, 2023

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill provides that a public school bus that transports one or more certain handicapped school age persons must have at least one adult attendant to accompany the handicapped person or persons on the bus while being transported. The bill specifies that the driver of the bus may not simultaneously act as the adult attendant.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) and the local school districts is pending, contingent upon a response.

The overall expenditure impact of this bill on the state agency schools is pending, contingent upon further information from the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, the School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. The Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities and the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics indicate that this bill will have no expenditure impact.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 10, 2023**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill provides that a public school bus that transports one or more handicapped school age persons who must be mechanically or physically restrained while being transported must have an adult attendant at all times to accompany the handicapped person or persons on the bus while being transported. The bill specifies that the driver of the bus may not simultaneously act as the adult attendant. The bill further specifies that the bus may have more than one such adult attendant but is only required to have one.

**S.C. Department of Education.** The expenditure impact of this bill on SCDE is pending, contingent upon a response.

**State Agency Schools.** The overall expenditure impact of this bill on the state agency schools is pending, contingent upon further information from the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, the School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. The Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities indicates that this bill will have no

expenditure impact since the agency can manage the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations. The Governor's School for Science and Mathematics indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact as the agency does not have any state buses.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

As stated above, this bill provides that a public school bus that transports one or more certain handicapped school age persons must have an adult attendant at all times to accompany the handicapped person or persons on the bus while being transported.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the local school districts is pending, contingent upon a response.

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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