



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S. 0954	Introduced on January 11, 2024
<b>Author:</b>	Hembree	
<b>Subject:</b>	Electronic Records	
<b>Requestor:</b>	Senate Judiciary	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Vesely	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	February 13, 2024	

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill allows law enforcement officers, a Circuit Solicitor, or the Attorney General (AG) to require the disclose of stored communications, as well as related transaction records and subscriber information, to the extent provided by federal law.

This bill will have no expenditure impact for Judicial, The Commission on Prosecution Coordination (Prosecution), or the Office of the Attorney General (AG). Judicial indicates that caseloads in general sessions and summary courts may be impacted by this bill, and judges and staff will need to undergo training in order to comply with this bill. However, Judicial indicates that any additional expenses can be managed within existing appropriations. Prosecution and the AG both indicate that the responsibilities of this bill will be handled with existing staff and resources.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 11, 2024**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill allows law enforcement officers, a Circuit Solicitor, or the AG to require the disclose of stored communications, as well as related transaction records and subscriber information, to the extent provided by federal law. The AG, a Circuit Solicitor, or SLED are authorized to issue subpoenas to compel disclosure of these communications upon showing that the requested material is relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation.

**Judicial.** Judicial indicates that caseloads in general sessions and summary courts may be impacted by this bill, and judges and staff will need to undergo training in order to comply with this bill. However, Judicial indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact as the responsibilities of this bill and any additional expenses can be managed within existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for Judicial.

**Commission on Prosecution Coordination.** Prosecution indicates there will be no fiscal impact for the Commission, as it expects to handle the responsibilities of this bill within existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for Prosecution.

**Attorney General.** The AG indicates that there will be no fiscal impact for the Office, as any potential cost due to this bill are expected to be handled with existing staff within existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the AG.

**State Revenue**

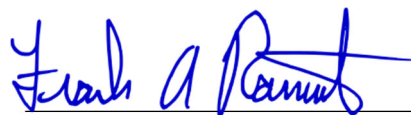
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**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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