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Subject:

College Athletes

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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		1
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$2,420,000	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue	-	
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would increase Other Fund (Athletic Funds) expenditures by \$2,420,000 in FY 2015-16 and subsequent years.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends Chapter 101, Title 59 relating to colleges and institutions of higher learning by adding Article 5 to allow participating institutions in the state to award stipends to student athletes who participate in intercollegiate sports and maintain a good academic standing. Based on the requirements set forth in this bill, only the University of South Carolina and Clemson University would be affected.

The University of South Carolina. The university estimates there will be an annual cost to their athletic Other Funds of \$1,320,000 to provide stipends, trust fund deposits for eligible athletes, and some minimal administrative costs. Further, The University of South Carolina has determined that should this legislation be passed, it may place the institution at risk of losing their membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and that it would be in violation of Federal requirements of Title IX. As a result, this could place the total Gamecocks Athletic funding stream of approximately \$100 million in jeopardy.

Clemson University. The university estimates there will be an annual cost to their athletic Other Funds of \$1,100,000 to provide stipends and trust fund deposits for eligible athletes. Further,

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Clemson University has determined that should this legislation be passed, it may place the institution at risk of losing their membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and that it would be in violation of Federal requirements of Title IX. This could result in potential fines and loss of approximately \$54 million from athletic revenue and approximately \$22 million in donor (IPTAY) contributions.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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