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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 915
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Subject: Punishment for Murder
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
Impact Date: April 18, 2016

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends Section 16-3-20 relating to the punishment for murder, so as to add as a statutory aggravating circumstance for purposes of the death penalty when a murder has been committed against a person because of the person’s actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

Judicial Department. The Judicial Department reports that any expenditure impact to the General Fund would be absorbed by the agency within current resources. The agency reports that this bill could increase the number of death penalty-eligible cases. While no data exists as to how many additional hearings may be held as a result of the bill, death penalty convictions require the Circuit Court to conduct separate sentencing proceedings. Should the number of death penalty cases increase as a result of this bill, Circuit Court dockets may be impacted.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

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