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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0918
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Subject: Background Checks for Firearm Sales and Transfers
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
Impact Date: February 2, 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 adds Article 9 to Chapter 23, Title 16 to establish requirements for licensed dealers in conducting background checks for firearm sales and transfers. It requires a licensed dealer who initiates a criminal background check for a gun sale or transfer to proceed with the sale only in the case that either a favorable background check from the national clearinghouse has been received or that a 28 day period from the initiation of the background check has elapsed with no notification from the clearinghouse that the sale may not proceed. The bill also establishes criminal penalties for violations.

Judicial Department. The Judicial Department reports that the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. As the bill creates a new offense, additional hearings or trials may be heard in General Sessions court and any additional expenditures can be absorbed within existing resources.

The Department of Public Safety and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division indicate this bill will have no 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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