



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 928  
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**Subject:** Refugees  
**Requestor:** Senate General  
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**Impact Date:** January 25, 2016

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$47,111	\$0
Other and Federal	(\$401,600)	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	(2.00)	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	(\$401,600)	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	Undetermined	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill reduces Federal Funds revenue and expenditures that support the Refugee Resettlement Program by \$401,600 in FY 2016-17. Two of the FTEs used to administer the program would be eliminated. The department, however, would retain one FTE funded from the General Fund to maintain a registry of refugees placed in South Carolina which would have an expenditure impact of \$47,111. There is no expenditure impact to Other Funds. Due to the limited number of responses from the surveyed localities, our office is not able to determine the expenditure impact of this bill on local governments.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill prohibits state agencies from accepting any new refugees after the effective date of this bill until new security measures are implemented by the federal government. It also mandates that agencies discontinue providing assistance to any refugees that are currently receiving services. It further directs the State Law Enforcement Division to work with local law enforcement agencies to confirm refugees placed in South Carolina do not pose a public safety risk.

**The Department of Social Services.** The Refugee Resettlement Program is funded through a federal grant which totaled \$401,600 in FY2014-15. The assistance provided to any refugee through the Refugee Cash Assistance, Refugee Medical Assistance, and Refugee Social Services would be terminated. Three FTEs that are federally funded would be affected by the passage of this bill. This bill would reduce DSS Federal revenue and expenditures by the \$401,600 grant

award in FY 2016-2017. The department would retain one FTE, a Program Coordinator I, to maintain a registry of refugees placed in South Carolina. The one FTE would have an expenditure impact of \$47,111 to the General Fund.

The Department of Social Services indicates that it is unclear how the various federal granting agencies will react to this legislation. There is a possibility that there could be sanctions or loss of other Federal Grant Funds for not providing services to qualified applicants.

**State Law Enforcement Division.** The agency indicates there is no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted forty-six county governments and the Municipal Association regarding the local expenditure impact of this bill and received responses from four county governments. Clarendon, Horry, and Richland Counties indicate that this bill will have no expenditure impact on their counties. Greenville County indicates that any expenses incurred as a result of this bill can be absorbed within the county's current budget. Due to the limited number of responses from the surveyed localities, our office is not able to determine the expenditure impact of this bill on local governments.

**Local Revenue**

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