



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3591 Introduced on January 25, 2017
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Subject: First Steps Readiness Program Review Committee
Requestor: House Education and Public Works
RFA Analyst(s): Gable
Impact Date: February 13, 2017

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
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, Other Funds, or Federal Funds as all costs would be managed within the existing appropriations of the agencies.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires specifically that the First Steps to School Readiness Board of Trustees (board) approve the benchmarks and objectives for school readiness programs and that the benchmarks and objectives be posted on the Office of First Steps (office) website. Additionally, the board will report the results of the readiness assessment by state and county annually to the General Assembly and use the results to assist county partnerships to support and improve school readiness for all students. Also, this bill requires the office to submit an annual report to various House and Senate committees with information pertaining to kindergarten readiness, annual and five year goals to serve high-risk children in the state, and innovative practices in counties that are making progress toward benchmarks and objectives, among other requirements. The office is further required to submit annual reports required of state agencies including an annual accountability report pursuant to §1-1-820.

Moreover, this bill disbands the eight member Office of First Steps Study Committee, comprised of four members from the House and four members from the Senate. The bill replaces the committee with a joint House and Senate committee consisting of ten members, five from the House and five from the Senate, which is required to conduct a review of the South Carolina

First Steps Readiness Program, if the House and Senate Legislative Oversight Committees do not conduct a review in accordance with §2-2-20.

Further, the board is required to submit salary recommendations for the office executive director to the Agency Head Salary Commission as required of boards and commissions of state agencies.

South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness. This bill requires additional reporting and accountability by the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness. The additional time required to meet the required reporting and accountability standards will be managed by existing staff and within the agency's current appropriations.

Senate and House of Representatives. This bill replaces an eight member study committee with a ten member study committee that will meet only if the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness is not reviewed by the House and the Senate Legislative Oversight Committees within the period prescribed by §2-20-20. Should this committee meet, the costs would be subsistence and per diem for a total \$230, plus mileage per member, resulting in a total expense of \$2,305 plus mileage per meeting. These costs can be managed within each legislative body's respective appropriations.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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