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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3821 Amended by the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Education and Public Works on March 22, 2017

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**Subject:** Mandatory Courses for Prescribing and Monitoring Controlled Substances

**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works

**RFA Analyst(s):** Walling and Stein

**Impact Date:** March 23, 2017

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill is not expected to impact the expenditures of the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Amended by the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Education and Public Works Committee on March 22, 2017**

**State Expenditure**

The amended bill requires public and private institutions of higher education offering degrees in a health care profession that allows graduates to prescribe controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, and IV to develop mandatory course work on the prescription and monitoring of controlled substances, including Schedule II drugs used to treat or manage pain. The amended bill also requires coursework to include instruction on strategies to recognize and reduce the likelihood of patient addiction. In developing the curriculum, the institutions are to coordinate with the Commission on Higher Education, Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Dentistry, and Board of Nursing

**Commission on Higher Education and the public institutions of higher education.** The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) indicated minimal expenditures for the additional time to monitor future adjustments to curriculum that could be managed within existing resources. The amended bill will not impact the commission’s expenditures.

Based on responses CHE submitted for the four public institutions of higher education that offer degrees subject to the bill, this bill will not impact the institution's expenditures. The Medical University of South Carolina reported the amended bill will not impact expenditures as the curriculum required by the bill is already provided. The University of South Carolina expects minimal additional expenditures for potentially adjusting course requirements that can be absorbed within current appropriations. Clemson University indicates the amended bill will increase expenditures by a negligible amount that could be managed within existing resources. Francis Marion University indicates the amended bill will create no expenditure increase.

**Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.** This amended bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. The department may incur an expenditure of Other Funds depending upon the degree of cooperation requested by the Commission on Higher Education. It is anticipated that related expenditures would be minimal and would be absorbed within the agency's Other Funds budget authorization.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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