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**Bill Number:** S. 0027 Introduced on January 10, 2017

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Subject: State Superintendent of Education election

Requestor: Senate Education

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Impact Date: January 18, 2017

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact** 

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$26,127-\$51,845	\$52,253-\$103,689
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 may have a fiscal impact on the General Fund of \$26,127 to \$51,845 in FY 2018-19, and an additional \$26,127 to \$51,845 in FY 2019-20, for a total of \$52,253 to \$103,689 in FY 2019-20 and each fiscal year thereafter. The impact is contingent upon voter approval of a constitutional amendment and the salary established by the Agency Head Salary Commission.

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

## Introduced on January 10, 2017 State Expenditure

This bill would provide for the qualifications and term of the State Superintendent of Education, should the South Carolina Constitution be amended to provide for the appointment of the superintendent by the Governor. In addition, the bill would require the advice and consent of the Senate to the appointment, and the superintendent's salary be set in the same manner as other state agency heads. The bill would be effective upon approval of a constitutional amendment by the qualified voters at a general election and the subsequent ratification of the amendment by the General Assembly.

The provisions of the bill establishing the qualifications and term for the position may affect who is appointed and the length of their service, but that would not have a direct expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Presently, the superintendent's annual salary, \$92,007, is prescribed by Section 1-1-1210. If the constitutional amendment is adopted and the superintendent's salary set pursuant to the provisions of the bill, the salary may change subject to consideration by the Agency Head Salary Commission.

**Department of Education.** The State Department of Education estimates the superintendent's salary and benefits could increase by \$52,253 annually based on required differences between agency head salaries and the salaries of other agency employees, to \$103,689, based on the January 2013 Hay Group Compensation Review of Constitutional Officers of the State of South Carolina. The position would not become appointed at the earliest until after the general election in 2018, and ratification of a constitutional amendment during the 2019 legislative session. As a result, any increase in the superintendent's salary would be effective for not more than one-half of FY 2018-19. Therefore, this bill would increase General Fund expenditures from \$26,127 to \$51,845 in FY 2018-19, and an additional \$26,127 to \$51,845 in FY 2018-19, for a total increase of \$52,253 to \$103,684 in FY 2018-19 and each year after.

**State Revenue** 

N/A

**Local Expenditure** 

N/A

**Local Revenue** 

N/A

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