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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 137 Introduced on January 10, 2017
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Subject: Constitutional amendment to appoint the Superintendent of Education
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
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Impact Date: January 24, 2017

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
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 approval of the constitutional amendment and the salary established by the Agency Head Salary Commission.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill proposes an amendment to Section 7, Article VI of the South Carolina Constitution to require the state superintendent of education to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate beginning in January 2023, or upon a vacancy in the office of the state superintendent of education after the date of the ratification of the constitutional change, whichever occurs first. The appointed superintendent of education would serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and the General Assembly would provide by law for the duties, compensation, and qualifications for the office. The State Election Commission would place the proposal on the ballot during the next general election for representatives.

Election Commission. The commission indicates this bill will have a minimal expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds. The cost to add another referendum to the ballot would be minimal and would be covered by current appropriations.

Department of Education. If the constitutional amendment is adopted, 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 salary 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 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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