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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0271 Amended by the Senate on March 23, 2017
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Subject: Inmates Attending Funeral Services
Requestor: Senate Corrections and Penology
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Impact Date: March 28, 2017 - Updated for additional agency response

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

The implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, Federal Funds, or local governments.

This fiscal impact statement is updated to include a response from the Department of Corrections.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by the Senate on March 23, 2017

Updated for additional agency response

State Expenditure

This bill establishes that when the parent or parent substitute, sibling, spouse, child, grandparent, or grandchild of a South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) inmate becomes seriously ill to the point of imminent death or dies, provided that SCDC has determined that the inmate poses no security risk, he must be offered the choice to either visit the person in the hospital or attend the person's viewing or funeral service should the location be within state boundaries. SCDC must provide the necessary security and transportation for the inmate and, in doing so, may engage the services of the sheriff of the county in which the funeral or hospital is located. SCDC or the sheriff may collect the actual cost for providing security and transportation from a third party on behalf of the inmate or through a deduction of the inmate's trust account.

Department of Corrections. The agency reports that since the bill allows the agency to collect the actual cost for providing security and transportation for inmates, it will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide the necessary security and transportation for an inmate to either attend a relative's viewing, funeral service, or, prior to the person's death, visit the person in the hospital. DOC may engage the services of the sheriff in the county in which the funeral service or hospital visit is located to provide the necessary security and transportation for the inmate. The sheriff may collect the actual cost for the security and transportation from a third party on behalf of the inmate, or through a deduction from the inmate's trust account. Since this bill allows the sheriff to bill for the expenses associated with the security and transportation of inmates, this bill will have no expenditure impact on county law enforcement agencies.

Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on January 24, 2017**State Expenditure**

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Department of Corrections. A determination of the bill's fiscal impact is pending, as the agency is still reviewing the bill.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue

N/A



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