



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S.0959    Introduced on February 1, 2018  
**Author:** Corbin  
**Subject:** Graffiti Vandalism  
**Requestor:** Senate Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Gardner  
**Impact Date:** March 15, 2018

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
<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**

The bill will result in no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds, as the bill moves first offense hearings from general sessions court to magistrates or municipal court.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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**State Expenditure**

This bill amends provisions related to illegal graffiti vandalism to allow that a first offense may be tried in magistrates or municipal court.

**Judicial Department.** This bill requires that all first offense violations for illegal graffiti vandalism be tried in magistrates or municipal court. In FY 2016-17, eighteen first offense violations were heard in general sessions court, and twenty-two first offense violations were heard in magistrates or municipal court. As the bill moves first offense hearings from general sessions court to magistrates or municipal court, any expenditure impact on the General Fund for the department would be minimal. Any additional costs related to first offense cases that will be heard in magistrates or municipal court will be borne by the municipalities and counties, which we anticipate can be managed within existing appropriations.

**Commission on Prosecution Coordination.** As the bill does not add to the duties of the commission, the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

**Commission on Indigent Defense.** As the bill does not add to the duties of the commission, the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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