

# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Introduced on May 2, 2019 **Bill Number:** H. 4522

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Subject: Insulin or Glucagon

House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs Requestor:

Wren and A. Martin RFA Analyst(s):

Impact Date: May 30, 2019

## **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the State Department of Education (SDE) since it requires the agency to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of business.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) because it does not materially alter the duties of the agency or its regulatory board.

This bill will have no direct expenditure impact on local school districts. However, some school districts expressed concerns with the potential for an increase in liability insurance premiums. Also, some districts emphasized concern with a potential loss in Medicaid revenue that would result because the services performed by a volunteer could not be billed to Medicaid.

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

### **Introduced on May 2, 2019 State Expenditure**

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State Department of Education. SDE indicates that this bill requires the agency to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of business. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on SDE.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. This bill makes changes to the Nurse Practice Act. The practice of nursing is regulated by the Board of Nursing, which is under the administration of LLR. This bill requires the board to promulgate regulations pertaining to these changes. LLR indicates that this is part of the normal activities of the board. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR or the Board of Nursing.

#### **State Revenue**

N/A

#### **Local Expenditure**

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#### **Local Revenue**

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