



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0211 Introduced on January 8, 2019  
**Author:** Young  
**Subject:** Authorized Uses of Unfounded Child Abuse and Neglect Reports  
**Requestor:** Senate Family and Veterans Services  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Mitchell  
**Impact Date:** January 24, 2019

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

Authorization to disclose information on child abuse or neglect cases and investigations, which result in child fatalities or near fatalities, would not materially alter the Department of Social Services' oversight or administrative activities. Therefore, the bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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##### **State Expenditure**

This bill authorizes the Department of Social Services (DSS) to disclose specific information about unfounded cases of child abuse or neglect that resulted in a child fatality or near fatality. Similar release authorization is provided to DSS for information entered into the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect on the results of investigations concerning fatalities or near fatalities of children.

DSS indicates that the release authorizations allowed in this bill will assist in the State's eligibility for grants under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act as reauthorized in 2010. The bill amends requirements on the release of information by DSS, which will not materially or fiscally alter the department's oversight or administrative activities. Therefore, the bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

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N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director