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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill reduces the size of the University of South Carolina (USC) Board of Trustees from 20 members to 11 members. This bill will reduce expenditures by $92,556 beginning in FY 2020-21.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure
This bill reduces the size of the University of South Carolina (USC) Board of Trustees from 20 members to 11 members. Currently, one person from each of the 16 judicial circuits are elected by the General Assembly to serve on the board. As a result of this bill, one person from each of the 7 congressional districts will be elected by the General Assembly to serve on the board. In addition to elected members, the board will consist of the Governor, the State Superintendent of Education, the President of the Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association, and a member-at-large appointed by the Governor.

Board members do not receive compensation for their services. However, they may choose to receive per diem, mileage, and subsistence reimbursement for expenses incurred in fulfilling their responsibilities as a board member. In addition, board members are entitled to other expenditures, such as lodging, tickets to athletic events, and paid parking for meetings and events attended during their capacity as a board member.

Based on average board member expenses of $10,284 in 2018, we estimate that reducing the number of trustees by 9 members will reduce expenditures by $92,556 beginning in FY 2020-21. The University does not anticipate any changes in current staffing levels due to the change in composition of the board.

State Revenue
N/A

Local Expenditure
N/A

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N/A

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