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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0891	Introduced on January 14, 2020
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Subject:	Alcohol; Transfer for Underage Consumption	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

The Judicial Department, Commission on Prosecution Coordination, Commission on Indigent Defense, and the State Law Enforcement Division report this bill will have no expenditure impact on General Funds, Other Funds, or Federal Funds because the agencies will administer policies resulting from the bill with the use of existing staff and resources.

This bill may reduce the number of minors charged with false representation of age to obtain alcohol and possession of alcohol, and therefore, the resulting fine and fee revenue. In FY 2018-19 South Carolina had 1,734 minors charged with false representation of age to obtain alcohol and purchase or possession of alcohol. However, the potential revenue impact is undetermined as the number of minors who may not be charged is unknown.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill shifts from Sections 61-4-100(D) and 61-6-4085(D) to Sections 61-4-90(A) and 61-6-1070(A) the requirement that law enforcement agencies directly supervise and obtain parental consent for persons under the age of twenty-one whom they have recruited to test compliance with laws related to the unlawful transfer or sale of alcoholic beverages to minors. The bill also repeals in their entirety Sections 61-4-100 and 61-6-4085, which require that when a person is charged with the unlawful provision of beer or wine (Section 61-4-100) or alcoholic liquors (Section 61-6-4085) to a minor, the minor must also be charged. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Judicial Department. This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Judicial Department because the agency will administer policies resulting from the bill with the use of existing staff and resources.

Commission on Prosecution Coordination. The bill requires the agency to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business. As a result, this bill does not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Commission on Indigent Defense. The bill requires the agency to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business. As a result, this bill does not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Law Enforcement Division. The bill requires the agency to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business. As a result, this bill does not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

The bill repeals in their entirety Sections 61-4-100 and 61-6-4085, which require that when a person is charged with the unlawful provision of beer or wine (Section 61-4-100) or alcoholic liquors (Section 61-6-4085) to a minor, the minor must also be charged. In FY 2018-19 South Carolina had 1,734 minors charged with false representation of age to obtain alcohol and purchase or possession of alcohol. This change may reduce the number of minors charged and the resulting fines and fees. However, the potential revenue impact is undetermined as the number of minors who may not be charged is unknown.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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