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Bill Number:	S. 892	Introduced on January 14, 2020
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Subject:	South Carolina Child Abuse Response Protocol Act	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase the General Fund expenditures of the Department of Children's Advocacy by \$9,000, beginning in FY 2020-21, for additional compensation for an existing employee who will be responsible for maintaining the protocol.

This bill will have no impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds or Other Funds of the State Department of Education, Department of Social Services (DSS), or the Judicial Department because any travel expenses including mileage, subsistence and per diem to attend the advisory council can be managed within existing budgets.

This bill will have no impact on local expenditures for local school districts or local law enforcement because any travel costs associated with the advisory council can be managed within existing budgets.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires the South Carolina Children's Justice Act Task Force and the South Carolina Network of Children's Advocacy Centers to develop the South Carolina Child Abuse Response Protocol (protocol). Once the protocol is developed it is to be made publicly available and must be reviewed annually and updated as needed by an advisory council of relevant stakeholders.

Department of Children's Advocacy. This bill requires the Department of Children's Advocacy to maintain the protocol and the advisory committee's updates to the protocol. The department anticipates this will result in an increase in administrative duties that could be absorbed by an existing employee. This would result in a recurring General Fund expenditure of \$9,000, beginning in FY 2020-21, to compensate the existing employee 15 percent of their current salary for assuming these additional duties.

State Department of Education. This bill does not alter the responsibilities or duties of the State Department of Education. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

Department of Social Services. This bill requires DSS to provide a representative to serve on the advisory committee. DSS indicates that any travel expenses including mileage, subsistence

and per diem to attend council meetings can be managed within their current budget. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

Judicial Department. This bill requires that at least one member of the advisory council be from a county solicitor's office. The Judicial Department expects any expenses associated with the bill can be managed within their current budget. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

Local School Districts. This bill requires a school district to serve on the advisory committee. The State Department of Education indicates that any travel expenses for meetings can be managed within the school district's current budget. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on local school districts.

Local Law Enforcement. This bill requires that at least one member of the advisory council be from state or county law enforcement. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs sent a request to all counties as well as the South Carolina Municipal Association to determine the potential impact of this bill. Based on the responses received, local law enforcement agencies do not anticipate an increase in local expenditures to provide a representative for the advisory council. Therefore, this bill will not have an impact to local expenditures for local law enforcement agencies.

Local Revenue

N/A



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