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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0124	Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author:	Massey	
Subject:	South Carolina LEADS Act	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	July 26, 2021	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill creates the “SC LEADS Act,” which requires the Law Enforcement Training Council (LETC) to establish standards for all law enforcement agencies with regard to use of force, vehicle pursuits and use of lethal options during pursuit, an officer’s duty to intervene in the actions of other observed officers, hiring and termination practices, mandatory post-basic academy field training, implementation and use of body-worn cameras, and use of “no knock” warrants. This bill will have no expenditure impact because, LETC anticipates being able to comply with the requirements of the bill with existing appropriations.

Additionally, this bill gives LETC the authority to implement civil fines for noncompliance of the standards to be established. Any fines that may be collected are considered miscellaneous revenue and are deposited into the agency’s Other Funds. However, this bill will have no revenue impact, because these fines are at the discretion of LETC, and the agency does not anticipate implementing them.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 12, 2021

State Expenditure

This bill creates the “SC LEADS Act,” which requires LETC to establish standards for all law enforcement agencies with regard to use of force, vehicle pursuits and use of lethal options during pursuit, an officer’s duty to intervene in the actions of other observed officers, hiring and termination practices, mandatory post-basic academy field training, implementation and use of body-worn cameras, and use of “no knock” warrants. By reclassifying 2.0 FTE’s from the Mobile Training Team, LETC will be able to comply with the requirements of the bill with existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will not have an expenditure impact.

State Revenue

The bill enables LETC to take punitive action against any law enforcement agency that refuses to implement and enforce compliance with these standards. Such actions may include the issuance of civil fines, exclusion from grant funding, and recommendations to a governmental political subdivision for the dissolution of a department. Civil fines may not exceed \$1,000 per day for

each day an agency is out of compliance. Any fines that may be collected are considered miscellaneous revenue and are deposited into the agency's Other Funds. However, these fines are at the discretion of LETC and the agency does not anticipate implementing them. Therefore, this bill will have no revenue impact.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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