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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0508	Amended by the Senate on May 4, 2021
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Subject:	Do Not Resuscitate Orders	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows a parent or legal guardian of a medically eligible child to request or revoke a “do not resuscitate order for emergency services” for the child. Health care providers and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel must follow the do not resuscitate order unless it has been revoked.

While the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) regulates EMS personnel, the bill will have no expenditure impact on the department because it does not operationally or fiscally impact the agency.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the Judicial Department since the agency anticipates being able to manage any increase in caseloads within existing appropriations.

Based upon the responses received from the surveyed counties, we do not anticipate an expenditure impact on county governments.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill allows a parent or legal guardian of a medically eligible child to request or revoke a “do not resuscitate order for emergency services” for the child, provided that the parent or legal guardian has legal authority to make medical decisions for the child. Health care providers and EMS personnel must follow the do not resuscitate order unless it has been revoked.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. While DHEC regulates EMS personnel, the department reports that the bill will not operationally or fiscally impact the agency. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact to DHEC.

Judicial Department. The Judicial Department indicates that implementation of this bill may increase the number of hearings held in the court system, which may lead to an increased backlog for the court system. While there is no data available to estimate the number of filings,

hearings, or trials that may be impacted, the department anticipates being able to manage any increase in caseloads within existing appropriations.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill allows a parent or legal guardian of a medically eligible child to request or revoke a “do not resuscitate order for emergency services” for the child, provided that the parent or legal guardian has legal authority to make medical decisions for the child. Health care providers and EMS personnel must follow the do not resuscitate order unless it has been revoked. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted twenty-three county governments regarding the fiscal impact of this bill. Charleston, Hampton, and Lancaster Counties all report that the bill will have no expenditure impact on their EMS personnel. Based upon these responses, we do not anticipate an expenditure impact on county governments.

Local Revenue

N/A



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