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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0645	Introduced on March 9, 2021
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Subject:	Interscholastic Athletics Division	
Requestor:	Senate Education	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill establishes the Division of Interscholastic Athletics within the State Department of Education (SDE) and will be the sole governing body of athletics for S.C. public schools.

This bill will increase recurring General Fund expenses of SDE by \$707,000 beginning in FY 2021-22 for 7.0 FTEs to staff the Division of Interscholastic Athletics.

This bill is not expected to increase the expenses of local school districts since the bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of school districts. Further, SDE anticipates that athletic responsibilities will shift from the S.C. High School League to the Division of Interscholastic Athletics.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill establishes the Division of Interscholastic Athletics within SDE. The director of the division must be appointed by the Superintendent of Education. The division will be the sole governing body of athletics for S.C. public schools. The division must adopt written policies concerning all areas of high school athletic events. Any public school that engages in interscholastic athletics, or any private school that would like to compete in athletic events with a public school must submit itself to and comply with the provisions of this bill and may not contract with, join, or otherwise associate with the S.C. High School League. The division must also establish an advisory committee, which must include parents, guardians, and coaches, to assist with the evaluation of interscholastic athletics and to make recommendations concerning matters that would enhance interscholastic athletic competition throughout the state. The division may promulgate emergency regulations to ensure the continuance of athletic contests pending the approval of regulations by the General Assembly. Further, the S.C. High School League would no longer be authorized to act as a governing body for interscholastic athletics.

SDE indicates that this bill will increase recurring General Fund expenses of the agency by \$707,000 beginning in FY 2021-22 for 7.0 FTEs. This amount includes salary and fringe for 1 Program Manager II position and 6 Education Associate positions.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill establishes the Division of Interscholastic Athletics within SDE. The director of the division must be appointed by the Superintendent of Education. The division will be the sole governing body of athletics for S.C. public schools.

SDE does not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on local school districts since the bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of school districts. Further, SDE anticipates that the bill will shift athletic responsibilities from the S.C. High School League to the Division of Interscholastic Athletics. Therefore, this bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on local school districts.

Local Revenue

N/A



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