



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S. 0969	Amended by Senate Education on March 30, 2022
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This amended bill requires the State Superintendent of Education to make provisions to implement rules and regulations developed by the State Board of Education for the display of the official motto of the United States, the official mottos of South Carolina, and accurate representations of the United States flag and South Carolina state flag. Each public school must ensure that the mottos and flag representations are displayed in the manner as directed by the State Superintendent of Education.

This amended bill will have no expenditure impact on the State Department of Education (SCDE) since the requirement to make rules and regulations for the display of the mottos and flag representations can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

This amended bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the state agency schools since it is anticipated that the agencies can accomplish the requirements of the bill within existing appropriations.

This amended bill will have no expenditure impact on the local school districts since the districts can manage the provisions of the bill within the existing budgets of the districts.

The potential increase in Other Funds revenue is undetermined as the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) is unable to determine the amount of revenue that may be donated for the display of the specified mottos and flag representations.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Amended by Senate Education on March 30, 2022**

##### **State Expenditure**

This amended bill requires the State Superintendent of Education to make provisions to implement rules and regulations developed by the State Board of Education for the display of the following:

- The official motto of the United States, 'In God We Trust,';
- The official mottos of South Carolina, 'Dum Spiro Spero' and 'Animis Opibusque Parati,' and the respective translations;

- An accurate representation of the United States flag; and
- An accurate representation of the South Carolina state flag.

The head of each public school must ensure that the aforementioned mottos and flag representations are displayed in the manner adopted the State Board of Education and as directed by the State Superintendent of Education. The bill further allows for the solicitation or acceptance of donated funds for this purpose.

**State Department of Education.** SCDE indicates that the bill will have no expenditure impact since the requirement to make rules and regulations for the display of the mottos and flag representations can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**State Agency Schools.** The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, the School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics indicate that the amended bill will have no expenditure impact since the agencies can adhere to the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations. The Governor’s School for Agriculture at John de la Howe and the Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities previously indicated that similar legislation would have no expenditure impact since the agencies could manage the requirements of the legislation within existing appropriations. We will update this impact statement if these two agencies provide a different response on this bill as amended.

#### **State Revenue**

As mentioned above, this bill allows for the solicitation or acceptance of donated funds for the display of the specified mottos and flag representations. RFA is unable to estimate the amount of revenue that may be donated for this cause. Therefore, the potential increase in Other Funds revenue is undetermined.

#### **Local Expenditure**

As previously noted, this bill requires each public school to ensure that the United States and South Carolina mottos and flag representations are displayed in the manner as directed by the State Superintendent of Education.

SCDE indicates that the bill will have no expenditure impact on local school districts since the districts can manage the provisions of the bill within the existing budgets of the districts.

#### **Local Revenue**

N/A

#### **Introduced on January 12, 2022**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill requires the State Board of Education to make rules and regulations for the display of ‘In God We Trust,’ the official motto of the United States, and ‘Dum Spiro Spero’ and ‘Animis Opibusque Parati,’ the official mottos of South Carolina. Public schools must display the mottos in the manner adopted by the State Board of Education.

**State Department of Education.** SCDE indicates that the bill will have no expenditure impact since the requirement to make rules and regulations for the display of the mottos can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**State Agency Schools.** The Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, and the School for the Deaf and Blind indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact since any expenses for printing and display can be managed within existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the state agency schools.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

As previously noted, this bill requires the State Board of Education to make rules and regulations for the display of the official mottos of the United States and South Carolina in public schools.

SCDE indicates that the bill will have no expenditure impact on local school districts since any expenses for printing the mottos can be managed within the existing budgets of the districts.

**Local Revenue**

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