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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3308    Introduced on January 10, 2023  
**Author:** Gilliam  
**Subject:** School Psychologists  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Bryant  
**Impact Date:** March 2, 2023 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill provides that in determining the eligibility of an applicant for certification as a school psychologist, the S.C Department of Education (SCDE) may accept the credentials of school psychologists, social workers, and school guidance counselors certified in other states to serve as school psychologists in this State upon demonstrating compliance with the credentialing requirements of South Carolina. The bill also provides for the issuance of temporary professional credentials for these applicants.

SCDE does not currently issue temporary certificates to educational personnel. This bill may increase General Fund expenses of the agency by \$10,000 to update the educator information and case management system to issue temporary certificates. However, the agency anticipates that these costs can be managed within existing appropriations.

*This impact statement has been updated to include a response from SCDE.*

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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#### **State Expenditure**

This bill provides that in determining the eligibility of an applicant for certification as a school psychologist, SCDE may accept the credentials of school psychologists, social workers, or school guidance counselors certified by other states if the credentials meet the corresponding minimum requirements for certification in South Carolina. If the credentialing requirements of the other state is less than those of this state, an applicant must be allowed to meet the unmet requirements, and the State must issue a temporary professional credential to the applicant which is valid for a maximum of 180 days. A temporary professional credential may be extended by the State Board of Education, in its discretion, to reasonably accommodate the specific circumstances of each applicant.

SCDE reports that the agency does not currently issue temporary certificates to any educational personnel. If required to do so, the educator information and case management system will need to be reprogrammed by application developers to issue a temporary certificate. SCDE estimates a

cost of \$10,000 for developing and testing the new system. However, the agency anticipates that these costs can be managed within existing appropriations. *This section of the impact statement has been updated to include a response from SCDE.*

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

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N/A

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The expenditure impact of this bill on SCDE is pending, contingent upon a response.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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