



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3360    Introduced on January 10, 2023  
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**Subject:** Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill establishes the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence within the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to provide extensive training, education, and expertise in the fields of school safety and targeted violence. SLED must adopt guidelines and establish procedures for training and educating local and state law enforcement, teachers, administrators, bus drivers, other school personnel, parents, and the public on school safety and targeted violence.

SLED anticipates a need for 6.0 FTEs, equipment, operating expenses, and capital project needs to establish the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence. This would require General Fund appropriations of \$3,594,840 in FY 2023-24. This amount includes recurring funds of \$986,940 for the new FTEs and operating costs, and \$1,457,900 in non-recurring funds for equipment and furniture. Additionally, SLED estimates that capital projects costs for multiple upgrades will total \$1,150,000. Expenses will decrease to \$986,940 in FY 2024-25 and each year thereafter. These expenses are contingent upon funding in the Appropriations Act.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 10, 2023**

#### **State Expenditure**

This bill establishes the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence within SLED to provide extensive training, education, and expertise in the fields of school safety and targeted violence. SLED must adopt guidelines and establish procedures for training and educating local and state law enforcement, teachers, administrators, bus drivers, other school personnel, parents, and the public on school safety and targeted violence. Further, SLED may incorporate existing and new personnel from its Homeland Security Department, Investigative Services Department, Behavioral Science Unit, and any other unit or department as assigned by the Chief of SLED. Implementation of the bill is contingent upon funding in the Appropriations Act. SLED anticipates it will need to hire the following personnel to establish the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence.

<b>PERSONNEL EXPENSES - RECURRING</b>				
<b>Position Title</b>	<b># of FTEs</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Fringe</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
Special Agent III (Homeland Security)	3	\$191,646	\$84,324	\$275,970
Overtime for Special Agents (Homeland Security)	n/a	\$13,371	\$5,883	\$19,254
Special Agent III (Behavioral Science Unit)	2	\$127,764	\$56,216	\$183,980
Overtime for Special Agents (Behavioral Science Unit)	n/a	\$8,914	\$3,922	\$12,836
Administrative Assistant	1	\$35,000	\$15,400	\$50,400
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$376,695</b>	<b>\$165,745</b>	<b>\$542,440</b>

SLED also anticipates it will need to procure additional equipment and that it will incur operating expenses as shown below:

<b>EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
<b>RECURRING</b>		<b>NON-RECURRING</b>	
Operating costs for personnel	\$134,500	Equipment for new FTEs	\$566,000
Other miscellaneous operating costs	\$310,000	Training simulations and scenario support	\$61,500
		Medical, emergency, and health needs equipment	\$14,950
		Maintenance upgrades	\$399,700
		Furniture	\$84,750
		Technology equipment	\$131,000
		Community facility relocation costs (portables, cleaning)	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL RECURRING</b>	<b>\$444,500</b>	<b>TOTAL NON-RECURRING</b>	<b>\$1,457,900</b>

Additionally, SLED reports that the agency has been in contact with a local school district to enter into a long-term lease for space for the new Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence. SLED further indicates that the agency anticipates that multiple upgrades will be needed for the space. The capital projects costs are shown in the table below:

<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS - NON-RECURRING</b>	
Capital projects (multiple upgrades)	\$1,150,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>

In total, SLED anticipates that this bill will increase General Fund expenses by \$3,594,840 in FY 2023-24. Expenses will decrease to \$986,940 each year thereafter for the FTEs and annual operating costs. The expenses are contingent upon funding in the Appropriations Act. The total expenditure impact is shown in the table below:

<b>RECURRING (FY 2023-24 and beyond)</b>		<b>NON-RECURRING (FY 2023-24 only)</b>	
Personnel salary/fringe	\$542,441	Equipment and other	\$1,457,900
Operating costs	\$444,500	Capital projects	\$1,150,000
<b>TOTAL RECURRING</b>	<b>\$986,940</b>	<b>TOTAL NON-RECURRING</b>	<b>\$2,607,900</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE IMPACT FOR FY 2023-24 = \$3,594,840</b>			

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

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