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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3698 Introduced on January 12, 2023
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Subject: Home School Student Participation in Public School Interscholastic Activities
Requestor: House Education and Public Works
RFA Analyst(s): Wren
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill deletes the requirement that students must have been taught in a home school setting for a full academic year prior to participating in interscholastic activities of a public school district.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) since it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on local school districts. While this bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of local districts, we anticipate that the bill may allow a small number of additional home school students to participate in interscholastic activities within public school districts. However, we expect any increase in expenses can be managed within the existing budgets of the districts.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill deletes the requirement of Section 59-63-100(A)(3), which provides that students must have been taught in a home school setting for a full academic year prior to participating in interscholastic activity of a public school district.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) does not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on SCDE since it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency. We will update this impact statement if the agency provides a different response.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill deletes the requirement of Section 59-63-100(A)(3), which requires students to have been taught in a home school setting for a full academic year prior to participating in interscholastic activity of a public school district.

RFA does not expect this bill will alter the duties or responsibilities of school districts. However, we anticipate that some home school students who were previously not eligible to participate in interscholastic activities will now be eligible to participate. While data are not available on the number of home school students that currently participate in interscholastic activities at public school districts, we expect the number is a small percentage of the home school student population. Therefore, we expect any expenses associated with a potential increase in the number of home school students participating in interscholastic activities within public school districts to be minimal and managed within the existing budgets of the local districts.

Local Revenue

N/A



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