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Bill Number: H. 3797 Introduced on January 25, 2023
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Subject: Military Temporary Remote School Enrollment Act
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Bryant
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill enacts the “Military Temporary Remote School Enrollment Act” to require a school district to accept an application for enrollment and course registration by electronic means for a pupil whose parent or legal guardian is transferred to or is pending transfer to a military installation while on active duty pursuant to an official military order.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) since it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the state agency schools since the agencies can adhere to the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on local school districts. SCDE surveyed the five school districts that have a military base or school and received responses from Aiken, Charleston, and Sumter School Districts. The responding districts indicate that the bill would have little to no impact. Therefore, we anticipate that any expenses resulting from this bill can be managed within the existing budget of the districts.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill enacts the “Military Temporary Remote School Enrollment Act” to require a school district to accept an application for enrollment and course registration by electronic means for a pupil whose parent or legal guardian is transferred to or is pending transfer to a military installation while on active duty pursuant to an official military order. The parent or legal guardian must provide proof of residence to the school district within ten days after the arrival date provided on official documentation. Any ambiguity in construing the provisions of this bill must be resolved in favor of the enrolling pupil.

S.C. Department of Education. This bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of SCDE. Therefore, the bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

State Agency Schools. The Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor’s School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, the School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicate that they can adhere to the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations. Based upon these responses, we do not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics. We will update this impact statement if the agency provides a different response.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

As noted above, this bill enacts the “Military Temporary Remote School Enrollment Act” to require a school district to accept an application for enrollment and course registration by electronic means for a pupil whose parent or legal guardian is transferred to or is pending transfer to a military installation while on active duty pursuant to an official military order.

SCDE surveyed the five school districts (Aiken, Charleston, Richland 1, Richland 2, and Sumter) that have a military base or school and received responses from Aiken, Charleston, and Sumter School Districts. The responding districts indicate that the bill would have little to no impact. Therefore, we anticipate that any expenses resulting from this bill could be managed within the existing budget of the districts.

Local Revenue

N/A



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