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**Bill Number:** H. 5144 Amended by House Education and Public Works on March 27, 2024  
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**Subject:** School Mapping Data Program  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill establishes the School Mapping Data Program as a statewide initiative within the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE). Subject to funding, the bill requires SCDE to contract with a vendor to provide school mapping data for each public school in the state, including charter schools and special schools. The data must be provided to each school district and charter school authorizer for the schools within their respective jurisdictions, local law enforcement agencies, and public safety agencies for use in response to emergencies. School mapping data must satisfy certain requirements. Additionally, school districts and charter schools must pay an annual maintenance fee to update their school maps. If the annual maintenance fee exceeds \$650 per school and the district or charter school cannot afford the fee, the district or charter school may submit a request to the State Superintendent of Education that state funds be requested from the General Assembly to cover the fees.

SCDE indicates that this bill will increase expenses of the department by \$5,000,000 in FY 2024-25 to contract with a vendor to provide school mapping data for each public school in the state, including charter schools and special schools. SCDE reports that the department will request a General Fund appropriation increase to fund the expenses.

The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de law Howe, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicate that they will pay the annual maintenance fee using existing appropriations. Based upon these responses, we do not anticipate that the 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.

According to information published by SCDE, there are currently 1,341 public schools, including charter schools and special schools, in South Carolina. Assuming each school pays a fee of \$650, this bill will increase local expenditures by approximately \$871,650 per year for the annual maintenance fee to update school maps. This amount may change depending upon the number of schools. Additionally, it is unknown how many school districts may submit a request for state funds to cover the fees.

## Explanation of Fiscal Impact

**Amended by House Education and Public Works on March 27, 2024**

### **State Expenditure**

This bill establishes the School Mapping Data Program as a statewide initiative within SCDE. Subject to funding, the bill requires SCDE to contract with a vendor to provide school mapping data for each public school in the state, including charter schools and special schools. The data must be provided to each school district and charter school authorizer for the schools within their respective jurisdictions, local law enforcement agencies, and public safety agencies for use in response to emergencies. School mapping data must satisfy certain requirements. Additionally, school districts and charter schools must pay an annual maintenance fee to update their school maps. If the annual maintenance fee exceeds \$650 per school and the district or charter school cannot afford the fee, the district or charter school may submit a request to the State Superintendent of Education that state funds be requested from the General Assembly to cover the fees.

**S.C. Department of Education.** SCDE indicates that this bill will increase expenses of the department by \$5,000,000 in FY 2024-25 to contract with a vendor to provide school mapping data for each public school in the state, including charter schools and special schools. SCDE reports that the department will request a General Fund appropriation increase to fund the expenses.

**State Agency Schools.** The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de law Howe, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicate that they will pay the annual maintenance fee using existing appropriations. Based upon these responses, we do not anticipate that the bill will have an expenditure impact on the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics. We will update this impact statement if the agencies provide a different response.

### **State Revenue**

N/A

### **Local Expenditure**

This bill requires school districts and charter schools to pay an annual maintenance fee to update their school maps. If the annual maintenance fee exceeds \$650 per school and the district or charter school cannot afford the fee, the district or charter school may submit a request to the State Superintendent of Education that state funds be requested from the General Assembly to cover the fees. According to information published by SCDE, there are currently 1,341 public schools, including charter schools and special schools, in South Carolina. Assuming each school pays a fee of \$650, this bill will increase local expenditures by approximately \$871,650 per year for the annual maintenance fee to update school maps. This amount may change depending upon the number of schools. Additionally, it is unknown how many school districts may submit a request for state funds to cover the fees.

**Local Revenue**

N/A

**Introduced on February 27, 2024****State Expenditure**

This bill establishes the School Mapping Data Program as a statewide initiative within SCDE. Subject to funding, the bill requires SCDE to contract with a vendor to provide school mapping data for each public school in the state. The data must be provided to each school district, local law enforcement agencies, and public safety agencies for use in response to emergencies. School mapping data must satisfy certain requirements. Additionally, each school district must pay an annual maintenance fee to update their school map. The fee may not exceed \$650 for each school.

**S.C. Department of Education.** The expenditure impact of this bill on SCDE is pending, contingent upon a response.

**State Agency Schools.** The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de law Howe, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, and the School for the Deaf and Blind indicate that they will pay the annual maintenance fee using existing appropriations. Based upon these responses, we do not anticipate that the bill will have an expenditure impact on the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics or the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. We will update this impact statement if the agencies provide a different response.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

This bill establishes the School Mapping Data Program as a statewide initiative within SCDE. The bill requires each school district to pay an annual maintenance fee to update their school map. The fee may not exceed \$650 for each school. For reference, according to information published by SCDE, there are currently 1,341 public schools in South Carolina. Assuming each school pays the maximum fee of \$650, this bill will increase local expenditures by approximately \$871,650 per year for the annual maintenance fee to update school maps. This amount may change depending upon the number of public schools. However, the total expenditure impact of this bill on local school districts is pending, contingent upon responses.

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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