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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0252 Amended by the Senate on March 28, 2023
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Subject: Law Enforcement Personal Info Protection
Requestor: House Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Miller
Impact Date: April 25, 2023

Fiscal Impact Summary

This amended bill creates the Law Enforcement Personal Privacy Protection Act and the Judicial Personal Privacy Protection Act. These acts state any personal contact information of an active or former law enforcement officer or active or former judge held or maintained by any state or local government entity is confidential and must not be disclosed to the public if the officer or judge has filed a formal request with the entity. Personal contact information includes a home address and a home or cell phone number. This bill also establishes that information related to whether the individual has family members is protected. Any government entity that redacts or withholds information under this article must provide the requestor a description of the redacted or withheld information.

This amended bill requires Court Administration to create the request form for judges and the Criminal Justice Academy to create the request form for law enforcement officers. Both Judicial and the Criminal Justice Academy anticipate being able to create these request forms using existing resources. Additionally, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) previously contacted all state agencies, counties, and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC). Based on the significant number of responses received, RFA anticipates this bill will have no state or local expenditure impact because all agencies and governing entities will be able to confidentially maintain any law enforcement officer or judge information protected by this bill. RFA will update this fiscal impact statement if we receive a response that indicates this bill will have a fiscal impact.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on January 10, 2023

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Local Revenue

N/A



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