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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 1160    Introduced on March 13, 2024  
**Author:** Hembree  
**Subject:** School Mapping Data Program  
**Requestor:** Senate Education  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Bryant  
**Impact Date:** April 15, 2024

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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. The data must be provided to each school district, local law enforcement agency, and public safety agency 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. This fee may not exceed \$650 for each school.

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. The House of Representatives and the Senate Finance Committee have included \$5,000,000 for this purpose in the FY 2024-25 budget.

The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la 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 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.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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#### **State Expenditure**

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**State Revenue**

N/A

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**Local Revenue**

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