



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3058	Introduced on January 14, 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Disclosure of Intimate Images	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Judiciary	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Gardner	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	February 20, 2025	

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill creates the offense of intentional dissemination of intimate images or digitally forged intimate images without effective consent and establishes an associated penalty schedule.

This bill may result in an increase in the number of general sessions court cases, and potentially the number of incarcerations, which may increase the workload of the court system and the Commission of Indigent Defense, the Commission on Prosecution Coordination, the Department of Corrections (Corrections), and the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (PPP). Judicial indicates that the increase in the caseload in general sessions court is expected to be managed within existing appropriations. However, if this bill results in a significant increase in the workload additional General Fund appropriations may be requested. The potential increase in expenses for each agency will depend upon the increase in the number of cases and number of incarcerations. These agencies indicate that if this bill results in a significant increase in the workload, then an increase in General Fund appropriations may be requested. For information, according to Corrections, in FY 2023-24, the annual total cost per inmate was \$40,429, of which \$36,553 was state funded.

This bill may result in a change in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in a change to General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.

### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

#### Introduced on January 14, 2025

#### State Expenditure

This bill creates a new felony offense for the intentional dissemination of intimate images or digitally forged intimate images without effective consent and establishes a penalty schedule including a fine and imprisonment.

The bill also provides that dissemination of multiple images of the same individual may be considered separate and distinct offenses and prohibits duplication of such images for the purpose of criminal discovery requests and motions. Commission of the noted offense comprises a separate offense and does not preclude charges under other applicable provisions of law.

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### **State Revenue**

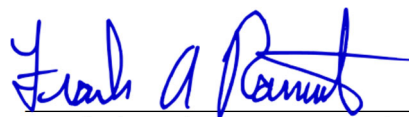
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### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

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