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Bill Number:	H. 3245 Introduced on January 14, 2025
Subject:	Public School Sports Participation by Private and Charter School Students
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works
RFA Analyst(s):	Bryant
Impact Date:	April 22, 2025

## **Fiscal Impact Summary**

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This bill will have no expenditure impact on the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE). The department indicates that it can manage the provisions of the bill with existing appropriations.

The overall impact of this bill on the local school districts will vary. SCDE surveyed the seventytwo regular school districts and three charter school districts and received responses from nine districts. Seven districts indicate that this bill will have no expenditure impact. One district anticipates a minimal impact due to the need to purchase insurance and uniforms for charter school participants. The remaining district indicates that implementing the provisions of the bill will have an undetermined expenditure impact.

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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**State Revenue** N/A

#### Local Expenditure

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