

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 3285 Introduced on January 14, 2025

Subject: Continuing Law Enforcement Education Credits and EMS Training

Requestor: House Judiciary

RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
Impact Date: April 2, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires a law enforcement officer certified in the state to complete Continuing Law Enforcement Education Credits (CLEEC) in autism spectrum disorder. Additionally, it requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to include courses in autism spectrum disorder in its current training program for the necessary classifications of emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

There is no expenditure impact to DPH because the agency expects to manage the provisions of the bill with existing appropriations.

The Law Enforcement Training Council of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA) reports that the expenditure impact from the passage of the bill will depend on whether the academy is expected to produce a new autism spectrum training program for law enforcement officers. If the intent of the bill is for SCCJA to create a new training program, it will cost approximately \$1,500 but could be much higher if significant additional hours need to be added to the basic training curriculum. However, if the intention is for SCCJA to include the curriculum in its existing training program, the cost will be significantly less and can be managed with current resources.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 14, 2025 State Expenditure

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DPH anticipates that the agency can manage the provisions of the bill with existing appropriations. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact to DPH.

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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