



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 3873	Introduced on January 30, 2025
Subject:	School Distribution of In-Home Identification Kits	
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
RFA Analyst(s):	Bryant	
Impact Date:	February 13, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

The bill makes the distribution of inkless in-home fingerprint and DNA identification kits to all school districts and open-enrollment charter schools mandatory instead of upon request.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE). Section 59-3-35(C) provides that unless expressly appropriated by the General Assembly in order to meet the provisions of this act, the department shall not expend funds to procure kits. Additionally, SCDE indicates that any costs to deliver the kits to all school districts and charter schools can be managed with existing appropriations.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, the Governor's School for Arts and Humanities, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. The agencies indicate that they can manage the provisions of the bill with existing appropriations. Based upon these responses, we do not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on the School for the Deaf and the Blind.

SCDE surveyed the seventy-two regular school districts and three charter school districts and received responses from sixteen districts. Twelve districts indicate that this bill will have no expenditure impact. Two districts indicate that any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill can be managed with existing appropriations. The two remaining districts indicate that the bill may increase costs. One charter district reports that it will need to ship the kits to each of its fifty-nine charter schools at a cost of approximately \$250 per school. One district estimates that the district will incur administrative costs in the amount of \$1-\$3 per kit for staff time to request kits, track inventory, distribute kits to students, handle replacements, print forms, communicate with parents, and store the kits.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Revenue

N/A

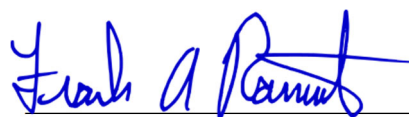
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