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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 4145 **Introduced on March 5, 2025**
Subject: SC Pray Safe Act
Requestor: House Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Boggs
Impact Date: January 21, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill establishes the South Carolina Pray Safe Grant Program Fund. This bill also establishes the South Carolina Pray Safe Grant Program within the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to provide grants, not to exceed \$750,000, to eligible applicants for security enhancements to eligible facilities. SLED may not award grants that exceed the balance in the Fund.

Under this bill, SLED is responsible for developing the form and manner in which eligible applicants may apply for grants. SLED shall rank applications based on criteria including but not limited to the following: an eligible applicant's and eligible facility's level of risk of being subject to a religiously motivated crime or domestic terrorism, whether an eligible applicant or eligible facility has previously been subject to a religiously motivated crime or domestic terrorism, and the level of security measures already in place at eligible facilities. SLED will award grants based on rankings and available monies. SLED will also be responsible for adopting rules to implement the grant program.

SLED is continuing to analyze the impact of this bill. The fiscal impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

This bill may result in a change to Other Fund revenue depending upon the funding of the South Carolina Pray Safe Grant Program Fund.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Revenue

This bill establishes the South Carolina Pray Safe Grant Program Fund. It is unclear how the Fund will be funded. Therefore, this bill may result in a change to Other Fund revenue depending upon the funding of the South Carolina Pray Safe Grant Program Fund.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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