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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 4257	Introduced on March 27, 2025
Subject:	Excused Student Absences	
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
RFA Analyst(s):	Wren	
Impact Date:	April 15, 2025	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the State Board of Education to include language in its regulations that requires administrators to approve student absences required for participation in any interscholastic activity approved for student participation by the school or school district, regardless of whether the activity is sanctioned by the South Carolina High School League or other interscholastic sanctioning organization.

Based upon review of the bill, we anticipate that the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) can manage the provisions of the bill with existing appropriations.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the state agency schools since any expenses to implement the provisions of the bill can be managed with existing staff and appropriations.

SCDE contacted the seventy-two regular public school districts and the three public charter school districts and received responses from sixteen districts. While districts may need to update internal policies and train staff, all responding districts indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Agency Schools. The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

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State Revenue

N/A

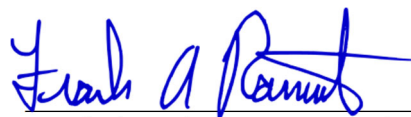
Local Expenditure

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