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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 4639 Introduced on January 13, 2026
Subject: Reproductive Health
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Boggs
Impact Date: March 12, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill implements the Reproductive Empowerment and Support Through Optimal Restoration (RESTORE) Act. This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to implement data collection and produce a report every three years on the standard of care for women with infertility diagnoses and the standard of care for women and men seeking reproductive health condition diagnoses. This bill requires all Title X-funded facilities in the state to include fertility awareness-based methods as part of covered family planning and reproductive health services. DPH must provide guidance and support to these Title X-funded facilities to integrate these methods into existing programs within twelve months of the effective date, including providing associated training to staff working at these facilities. Additionally, DPH must integrate information on reproductive health conditions, restorative reproductive medicine and reproductive health, and fertility awareness-based methods into the existing state health education standards and public health program curricula. Further, DPH must expand and coordinate programs to conduct and support research on reproductive health conditions within the agency and any other subagency, public health research division, or research university already conducting research on reproductive health conditions, infertility, and maternal health. Under this bill, the director must also collaborate with local and federal policymakers to recommend updated diagnostic and procedural codes related to infertility treatments to reflect the latest knowledge and practices in restorative reproductive medicine.

This bill states that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must not exclude entities that provide restorative reproductive medicine, training, or education from receiving the grants and contracts provided to other Title X entities, provided they meet all other qualifications. This bill will have no expenditure impact on DHHS since it does not alter the responsibilities of the agency.

This bill requires the Board of Medical Examiners (BME), which is overseen by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (LLR), to update professional education and licensing requirements, as needed, to include training in restorative reproductive medicine and health and fertility awareness-based methods through the management of their healthcare license. This bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR or BME since any additional responsibilities created by this bill can be managed within existing staff and appropriations.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted all forty-six counties and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) regarding this legislation and received responses from the counties of Dorchester, Horry, and Lancaster and MASC. The counties of Dorchester, Horry, and Lancaster indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact. MASC also indicates that this bill will have no fiscal impact on municipalities.

DPH notes this bill may have a significant impact on the agency. However, the agency is continuing to work to determine the fiscal impact. Additionally, the fiscal impact of this bill on the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 13, 2026

State Expenditure

This bill implements the RESTORE Act. This bill requires DPH to implement data collection and produce a report every three years on the standard of care for women with infertility diagnoses and the standard of care for women and men seeking reproductive health condition diagnoses. The director must submit the report to the Governor and General Assembly and make the data collection publicly available on DPH's website no later than two years after enactment. This bill requires all Title X-funded facilities in the state to include fertility awareness-based methods as part of covered family planning and reproductive health services. DPH must provide guidance and support to these Title X-funded facilities to integrate these methods into existing programs within twelve months of the effective date, including providing associated training to staff working at these facilities. Additionally, DPH must integrate information on reproductive health conditions, restorative reproductive medicine and reproductive health, and fertility awareness-based methods into the existing state health education standards and public health program curricula. A report on the updated curriculum standards and a plan for regular reporting on their outcomes must be made publicly available no later than eighteen months after enactment. Further, the director of DPH must expand and coordinate programs to conduct and support research on reproductive health conditions within the agency and any other subagency, public health research division, or research university already conducting research on reproductive health conditions, infertility, and maternal health. Under this bill, DPH must also collaborate with local and federal policymakers to recommend updated diagnostic and procedural codes related to infertility treatments to reflect the latest knowledge and practices in restorative reproductive medicine.

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue

N/A



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