



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 4720 Introduced on January 13, 2026
Subject: Pretrial Intervention Program Eligibility
Requestor: House Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
Impact Date: February 4, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill permits a person to participate in a pretrial intervention (PTI) program if more than twenty years has passed since the date that person successfully completed a previous PTI program. Currently, a person may not be considered for a PTI program if he has previously been accepted in such program.

This bill may result in an undetermined increase in expenses for the Commission on Prosecution Coordination. The agency reports that the bill may expand the pool of potential participants in PTI programs; however, there are no data to estimate how many additional applicants may enter the PTI program as a result of the bill. The commission notes that additional PTI coordinators may be needed due to this bill. Which of the sixteen circuits that will need an additional PTI coordinator will depend on the increase of participants in the PTI programs within each circuit. For information, the cost to add an additional PTI coordinator per judicial circuit is \$85,000. The commission anticipates assessing the increase in workload in FY 2026-27 and may request FTEs and additional General Fund appropriations beginning in FY 2027-28.

Additionally, fees to participate in a PTI program include a \$100 application fee and a \$250 participation fee. The increase in fee revenue depends upon the number of new participants in PTI programs due to this bill. The increase in fee revenue will be initially sent to the Commission on Prosecution Coordination who will distribute the revenue to the various solicitors' offices within the state to offset the expense of the programs.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office also contacted all counties in the state and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) to determine the local impact of this bill and received responses from the counties of Chester, Horry, and Dorchester. Chester County and Horry County report that the bill will have no expenditure impact, while Dorchester County reports that it would need to hire an additional diversion administrator to manage the projected increase in PTI participants.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill permits a person to participate in a PTI program if more than twenty years has passed since the date that person successfully completed a previous PTI program. Currently, a person may not be considered for a PTI program if he has previously been accepted in such program. This bill expands the number of persons who may participate in a PTI program.

The Commission on Prosecution Coordination and circuit solicitors' offices manage PTI programs. As the bill expands the pool of potential PTI participants, it may increase workloads for the Office of the Circuit Solicitor. The commission notes that additional PTI coordinators may be needed due to this bill. Which of the sixteen circuits that will need an additional PTI coordinator will depend on the increase of participants in the PTI programs within each circuit. For information, the cost to add an additional PTI coordinator per judicial circuit is \$85,000. The commission anticipates assessing the increase in workload in FY 2026-27 and may request FTEs and additional General Fund appropriations beginning in FY 2027-28.

State Revenue

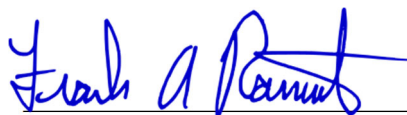
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Local Expenditure

This bill expands the number of persons who may participate in a PTI program. RFA surveyed South Carolina counties and MASC as to the potential fiscal impact of the bill and received responses from Chester County, Dorchester County, and Horry County. Both Chester County and Horry County indicate the bill will have no expenditure impact. Dorchester County anticipates that implementation of the bill will likely increase the number of diversion cases and require the county to hire an additional diversion administrator.

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