



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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**Bill Number:** H. 5075    Introduced on January 29, 2026  
**Subject:** Personal Privacy Protection Act  
**Requestor:** House Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Vesely  
**Impact Date:** March 23, 2026

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill prohibits any state or local governmental entity and its employees from collecting, disclosing, or releasing personal information from any person or nonprofit organization except as required by law. Violations of this provision are subject to civil penalties of no less than \$2,500 or three times this amount for intentional violations. Additionally, a person who knowingly violates these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, a fine of no more than \$1,000, or both.

This bill may result in an increase in cases in circuit court and magistrate court and the number of incarcerations, which may increase the workload of the court system and the Department of Corrections. However, there are no data available to determine the increase in caseload and number of incarcerations. Judicial anticipates that the potential impact of the caseload in court can be managed within existing appropriations. However, Judicial indicates that if this bill results in a significant increase in the workload, then an increase in General Fund appropriations may be requested. Additionally, we anticipate Corrections can manage the increase in incarcerations within existing appropriations. For information, according to Corrections, in FY 2024-25, the annual total cost per inmate was \$37,503, of which \$35,696 was state funded.

This bill may result in an increase in local expenses due to the potential increase in the caseload to magistrate court. However, there are no data available to determine the increase to the caseload.

This bill may result in a change in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in a change to General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.

### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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#### State Expenditure

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### **State Revenue**

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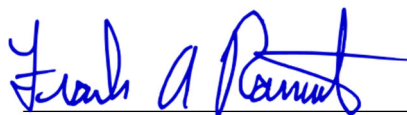
### **Local Expenditure**

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