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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 5179	Amended by the House of Representatives on March 3, 2026
Subject:	School Mapping Data Program	
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
RFA Analyst(s):	Tipton	
Impact Date:	March 10, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill as amended establishes a School Mapping Data Program to facilitate efficient emergency responses at institutions of higher learning by public safety agencies in the state. Subject to funding, this bill requires the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to contract with a vendor to provide mapping data for each institution of higher learning in the state. The data must be provided to the institution, local law enforcement agencies, and other public safety agencies for use in response to emergencies and must be compatible with software used by the public safety agencies as well as the institutions of higher learning. The amended bill states that each public institution of higher learning must review all campus facilities and infrastructure every two years and report any material changes, renovations, additions, or updates to SLED and the mapping vendor. The amended bill further specifies that the annual cost of maintenance may not exceed 15 percent of the initial cost of the mapping.

Since the school mapping data program established by the bill as amended will be undertaken by a contractor selected by SLED, subject to funding, the expenditure impact of the mapping program is currently undetermined. However, SLED indicates that the bill's requirements of the agency will be managed with current staff and resources and therefore, this bill as amended will have no expenditure impact on SLED, outside of the cost of the school mapping data program.

This bill as amended is not expected to have a significant impact on the University of South Carolina (USC), Coastal Carolina University (CCU), Lander University (Lander), Winthrop University (Winthrop), the College of Charleston (CofC), the Technical College System (Tech System), or the Commission on Higher Education (CHE). These entities indicate that managing ancillary duties required by the bill to support the creation of the school mapping data program can be managed with current institutional resources. USC indicates that indirect costs could be incurred for the need to assign staff to accompany a contractor that would be performing the field work associated with generating the map as well as providing associated data. These expenses will depend on the mapping process and the staff time that may be required to provide assistance, data, and access to restricted areas of campus and are currently unknown. Clemson previously indicated that the impact of this bill is undetermined and will depend upon whether any costs will be covered by SLED with the original contract.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill as amended establishes a School Mapping Data program to facilitate efficient emergency responses at institutions of higher learning by public safety agencies in the state. Subject to funding, this bill as amended requires SLED to contract with a vendor to provide mapping data for each institution of higher learning in the state. The data must be provided to the institution, local law enforcement agencies, and public safety agencies for use in response to emergencies. In addition to requirements set forth by the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence within SLED, this bill requires that school mapping data must be compatible with software platforms used by local, county, state, and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the institution of higher learning for which the data is provided without requiring those agencies to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or access the data. The mapping data must also be compatible with security software platforms in use by the specific institution, and any updates to the data must also be accessible by the public safety agencies and the institution. The amended bill requires each public institution of higher learning to review all campus facilities and infrastructure every two years and report any material changes, renovations, additions, or updates to SLED and the mapping vendor.

The bill as amended specifies that the mapping data provided to institutions and public safety agencies must be regarded as confidential, and a private security provider used by a public institution of higher learning to provide campus security may not disclose such information except pursuant to a court order. This information may not be disclosed under FOIA but may be disclosed under the provisions of §23-50-45. The amended bill further states that the annual cost of maintenance may not exceed 15 percent of the initial cost of the mapping.

State Law Enforcement Division. As the school mapping data program established by the bill as amended will be undertaken by a contractor selected by SLED, subject to funding, the expenditure impact of the mapping program is currently undetermined. However, SLED indicates that the bill's requirements of the agency will be managed with current staff and resources and therefore, this bill as amended will have no expenditure impact on SLED, outside of the cost of the school mapping data program.

State Institutions of Higher Learning. USC, CCU, Lander, Winthrop, CofC, as well as the Tech System indicate that the expenditure impact of the school data mapping program established by the bill as amended will be minimal and can be managed with current institutional resources. USC indicates that indirect costs could be incurred for the need to assign staff to accompany a contractor that would be performing the field work associated with generating the map as well as providing associated data. These expenses will depend on the mapping process and the staff time that may be required to provide assistance, data, and access to restricted areas of campus and are currently unknown. Clemson previously indicated that the expenditure impact of this bill is undetermined and will depend upon whether any costs will be covered by SLED with the original contract or if the institution will be responsible for costs.

Commission on Higher Education. CHE reports that this bill as amended will have no fiscal impact on the agency, since SLED and the mapping vendor will work with the institutions of higher learning directly to develop the school mapping program.

State Revenue

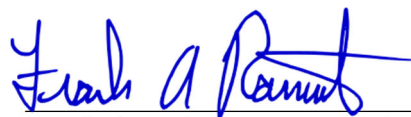
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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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