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Bill Number:	H. 5471 Introduced on March 31, 2026
Subject:	Headquarters Relocation and Growth Fund
Requestor:	House Ways and Means
RFA Analyst(s):	Tipton
Impact Date:	April 15, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill establishes the South Carolina Headquarters Relocation and Growth Fund to provide grants to qualified businesses that establish or expand a corporate, regional, or divisional headquarters or a shared service or administrative center supporting multistate or global operations. The fund is to be administered by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development in coordination with the Department of Commerce. In order to qualify for a grant, a project must create a minimum of 50 new full-time jobs within 5 years of initiation, pay an average wage equal to or greater than 200 percent of the average annual wage for the county in which the project is located, commit a minimum capital investment of $10,000,000, and enter into a performance agreement with the council specifying job creation milestones, wage requirements, and clawback provisions. The bill further specifies the expenses for which grant funds may be used and duties of the council in the administration of the fund. The bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on Commerce as any additional workload as a result of the bill will be managed with existing resources. The amount of grant funds that will be disbursed by the council will depend upon the amount appropriated to the fund by the General Assembly.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on March 31, 2026
State Expenditure
This bill establishes the South Carolina Headquarters Relocation and Growth Fund to provide grants to businesses that establish or expand a corporate headquarters, a regional or divisional headquarters, or a shared service or administrative center supporting multistate or global operations. The fund is to be administered by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development in coordination with the Department of Commerce. In order to receive a grant from the fund, the bill specifies that the project must create a minimum of 50 new full-time jobs within 5 years of initiation, must pay an average wage equal to or greater than 200 percent of the average annual wage for the county in which the project is located, commit a minimum capital investment of $10,000,000 in real property, leasehold improvements, equipment, or relocation-related expenditures, and enter into a performance agreement with the coordinating council specifying job creation milestones, wage requirements, and clawback provisions. The bill further

specifies certain project expenses for which grant funds may be used, as well as requirements for the performance agreement with the council. The bill states that nothing precludes a qualifying business from applying for or receiving benefits under existing programs and that awards from the fund may be combined with other incentives provided that the total package meets the council's cost-benefit and return-on-investment criteria. The bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.

Commerce indicates that any additional workload will be managed with existing agency resources. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on Commerce. The amount of grant funds that will be disbursed by the council will depend upon the amount appropriated to the fund by the General Assembly.

State Revenue
N/A

Local Expenditure
N/A

Local Revenue
N/A

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