



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0485	Introduced on March 25, 2025
Subject:	Adoption	
Requestor:	Senate Medical Affairs	
RFA Analyst(s):	Boggs	
Impact Date:	March 17, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

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State Revenue

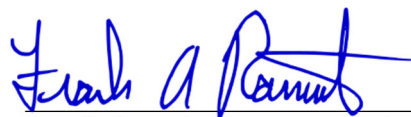
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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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