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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0710 Introduced on January 13, 2026
Subject: Prescriptions for Minors
Requestor: Senate Family and Veterans Services
RFA Analyst(s): Boggs
Impact Date: March 10, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill specifies that a person responsible for the welfare of a minor who has not reached the age of sixteen must provide prior consent to a medical professional for the medical professional to prescribe medication to the minor. Additionally, this bill states that the person responsible for the welfare of a minor to whom medication is prescribed may not be prohibited from reviewing the minor's prescription records, even if the records are maintained separately in the minor's name. Further, this bill lists exceptions to this provision to include when they conflict with federal law.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Public Health (DPH) since the provisions of this bill do not apply when they conflict with federal law.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) since it does not alter the responsibilities of the agency.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Social Services (DSS) as the agency anticipates being able to manage the responsibilities of this bill with existing staff and appropriations.

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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This bill will have no expenditure impact on DPH since the provisions of this bill do not apply when they conflict with federal law. This bill will have no expenditure impact on DBHDD since this bill does not alter the responsibilities of the agency. This bill will have no expenditure impact on DSS as the agency anticipates being able to manage the responsibilities of this bill with existing staff and appropriations.

The fiscal impact of this bill on MUSC is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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