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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0711	Introduced on January 13, 2026
Subject:	School Guard Requirements	
Requestor:	Senate Education	
RFA Analyst(s):	Bryant	
Impact Date:	February 10, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill provides school guards with the authority to direct and control traffic on public roadways near schools for the purpose of reducing traffic congestion related to student drop-off or pick-up. Additionally, the bill states that the school district official of each school district who is responsible for supervising such personnel is responsible for ensuring that such persons receive appropriate training pertaining to traffic safety.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on state agency schools. The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact, as the agency already satisfies the requirements of the bill. The Governor's School for Arts and Humanities indicates that the agency has a staff of certified police officers that direct traffic when needed. The Governor's School for Science and Mathematics indicates that any costs related to ensuring that school guards receive appropriate training can be managed with existing resources. The School for the Deaf and the Blind indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact, as its students are located on a campus and do not cross public roads. The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact since it is a state agency and does not have any school district officials.

The S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) surveyed the seventy-two regular school districts and three charter school districts and received responses from twenty-three districts. Twelve districts indicate that this bill will have no expenditure impact, with several of these districts noting that they are already in compliance with the provisions of the bill. Six districts indicate that any costs can be managed with existing appropriations. Four districts indicate that this bill may increase expenses by an amount ranging from \$300 to \$2,000 to provide training and equipment for school guards. The remaining district indicates that this bill may reduce expenditures by an undetermined amount since they are currently paying for police officers to direct and control traffic and anticipate that using school guards instead of officers may lower costs.

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State Revenue

N/A

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Local Revenue

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