



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0862	Amended by the Senate on March 31, 2026
Subject:	Involuntary Commitment	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
RFA Analyst(s):	Boggs	
Impact Date:	April 28, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill grants temporary decision-making authority to a parent of an adult patient or the adult child of an adult patient, in that order, for a period not exceeding 48 hours in a matter of involuntary temporary commitment on behalf of an unmarried adult during a verified medical or behavioral health crisis under listed conditions. This authority is only granted in cases where a legally appointed guardian or an appointed agent authorized to act under a health care power of attorney has not previously been selected or the medical facility has not been presented with written proof of such guardian or appointed agent.

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.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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This bill does not alter the responsibilities of DBHDD. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

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