

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3428**

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TO:	The Honorable Phillip D. Owens, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	First Steps School Readiness Initiative		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 by adding Section 59-152-25 that would define terms concerning the First Steps to School Readiness Initiative; by adding Section 59-152-32 to provide that the First Steps Board of Trustees will develop a comprehensive long-range initiative and strategy for school readiness; by adding Section 59-152-33 to provide a statewide assessment of student school readiness; by adding Section 63-11-1725 to provide for the composition, function, and duties of the South Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council; by adding Section 63-11-1735 to provide that First Steps will ensure the compliance of BabyNet with Federal Maintenance of Efforts Requirements; by amending Section 59-152-20 to redesignate county partnerships as local partnerships, and by amending various Sections relating to reauthorizing First Steps.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education, First Steps to School Readiness, South Carolina State Library, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Department of Social Services each indicate this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Section 59-152-33 directs the First Steps Board of Trustees to work in collaboration with the State Department of Education to develop a school readiness assessment recommendation to the General Assembly. It is the assumption by First Steps that any fiscal impact associated with the adoption of such an instrument would be considered separately by the General Assembly at a future date.

Approved by:



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