

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3474**

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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:	Statutory School Term		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3474 amends Section 59-1-425 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the beginning and length of a school term and school make-up days, so as to allow a local school district to establish its calendar based on a statutory term of one hundred eighty day of instruction or the equivalent number of instructional hours.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education (SDE) indicates this Bill could result in a savings due to the potential for reduction in the number of schools days for those districts that choose to alter their annual calendar. For those districts that choose to reduce the overall number of instructional days there would be, at a minimum, a savings in energy costs associated with operating school buses and buildings. Since the option to reduce the number of instructional days is at the local districts discretion the amount of estimated savings is not readily determinable.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Approximately \$35 per day is spent on fuel for each school bus in SDE's fleet. With 5,000 school buses the total cost of fuel per day is approximately \$175,000 for the fleet as a whole.

Approved by:



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