

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3919, as Amended**
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TO:	The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairperson, Senate Education Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Representative Owens	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	59-48-35
SUBJECT:	Exit Exam Requirement to Graduate High School		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Savings to the General Fund

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend Section 59-18-310 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the Exit Exam required for High School Graduation. In addition, the Bill amends Section 59-48-35 relating to the requirements for a diploma from the Special School of Science and Mathematics and Section 59-139-60 relating to the duties of the State Board of Education to review student performance on assessment testing.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education

Since the Exit Exam would only be administered in the Spring, The Office of Assessment indicates an estimated cost savings of \$1.1 million each year.

The Governor's School for Science and Math and the Governor's School for Arts and Humanities indicate no fiscal impact to the General Fund of the State.

Education Oversight Committee

The Chairman of the EOC would appoint one member to the High School Assessment Study Committee. The EOC would absorb any costs related to travel for meetings.

The Senate

The Senate Clerk indicates that each Senate appointee would be paid a per diem of \$35.00 per day and mileage at \$0.56 per round trip. Staffing expenses could be absorbed by current staff and would be minimal.

House of Representatives

The House Clerk indicates that the fiscal impact upon the House for each meeting could be as much as \$280 for the 2 House appointees including per diem and mileage.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Information from the local School Districts is not available at this time. The Fiscal Impact will be updated once that information is received.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:

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Brenda Hart

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