

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. *H.3945, as amended*
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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
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SUBJECT: Commission on Ethics Enforcement and Disclosure

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:

House Bill 3945, as amended, creates a new twelve-member South Carolina Commission on Ethics Enforcement and Disclosure with jurisdiction over all executive and legislative officials and employees as well as lobbyists and lobbyist principles. The House of Representatives and Senate each elect four members, and the Governor appoints four members. Vacancies must be filled in the manner of original election. Also, the legislation provides eligibility requirements for commission members, which include being a college graduate and having ten years of experience in one of several specified areas. The legislation further requires the House and Senate provide for application, screening and bi-partisan election processes. Members of the General Assembly and other public officials are not eligible to serve on the Commission.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Attorney General

The Attorney General's Office indicates that this Bill will have an impact on the General Fund of the State of approximately \$92,000 in personal service/employer contributions for 1.00 new State FTE. The new FTE would be a Prosecutor IV.

State Senate and House of Representatives

Both bodies indicated that the requirements of this Bill could be absorbed with existing resources.

State Ethics Commission

The State Ethics Commission estimates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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