

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 117**

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TO: The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., Chairperson, Senate Medical Affairs Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Hayes PRIMARY CODE CITE: 44-66-75
SUBJECT: Health Information Disclosure to Family Members

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

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

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3366 amends Chapter 66, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-66-75 which requires health care providers to provide a patient with the opportunity to (1) authorize the release of specified information concerning the patient and his treatment to family members and other individuals designated by the patient; and (2) authorize specified individuals to be involved in the patient's treatment. The Bill provides guidelines related to the formal authorization by each patient. The Bill further amends Section 44-66-20 by adding definitions for "patient" and "treatment."

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS),
Department of Mental Health (DMH),
Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN),
Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS),
Area Health Education Consortium

These Agencies report this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)

The Department reports this Bill would have minimal impact on the agency's current operations. New forms might have to be developed, printed and distributed but these costs would be absorbed by the agency. There is no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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