

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 142**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Malloy PRIMARY CODE CITE: 16-11-110
SUBJECT: Omnibus Crime Education and Sentencing Reform Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

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

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 142 amends the "Omnibus Crime Reduction and Sentencing Reform Act of 2010" and Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by amending various sections dealing with the crimes of arson, crimes as related to the Youthful Offender Act (YOA), probation violations and other monitoring requirements for the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department and the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services indicate that this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

The Department of Corrections (SCDC) indicates that this Bill may allow the agency to recognize a savings in inmate cost due to the reduction of the required incarceration time for YOA. Since the passage of Senate Bill 1154, which reformed the requirements for time service by Youthful Offenders for Burglary 2nd degree with a mandatory sentence of 3 years, SCDC has only taken 160 inmates in for this offense. This Bill would reduce the average length of time served by a youthful offender for this crime, by 24 months. Based upon the average inmate cost of \$5.58 per day (General Fund cost only) the agency calculates that there is a potential savings of \$642,816 due to the reduction in time served.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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