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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Subject: Law Enforcement Training Council New Definitions
Requestor: Senate
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill as amended is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds. The expenditure impact on local government is expected to be minimal if any.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires a law enforcement officer who is Class 1-LE, Class 2-LCO, or Class 3-SLE certified to complete Continuing Law Enforcement Education Credits (CLEEC) in mental health or addictive disorders over a three-year recertification period. The number of required annual CLEEC hours in mental health or addictive disorders shall be determined by the Law Enforcement Training Council, but must be included in the forty CLEEC hours required over the three-year recertification period. Such training must be provided or approved by the Criminal Justice Academy.

Class 1-LE law enforcement officers are officers with full arrest powers, such as Highway Patrol officers and local police patrolmen. Class 2-LCO law enforcement officers are local detention facility officers. Currently, for recertification, both are required to complete 40 hours of CLEEC over a three-year period, including a one-hour legal update and one hour on criminal domestic violence each year of the three-year period. Class 3-SLE law enforcement officers have limited powers of arrest or special duties and include desk officers and administration and those who provide animal control, airport security, litter control, court room security, prisoner

transportation, and traffic control at events. These officers receive basic training relevant to performance of limited powers of arrest or special duties and currently are required to complete one legal update each year for recertification.

This bill authorizes the Law Enforcement Training Council to: (1) provide by regulation for the mandatory training of certified law enforcement officers to recognize post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other trauma or stress related disorders in other officers, and (2) establish a mechanism to recommend an officer's participation in the SC Law Enforcement Assistance Program (SC LEAP), which is administered by the State Law Enforcement Division. The bill also expands SC LEAP's array of services to include counseling services to those officers experiencing PTSD and other trauma or stress related disorders.

Law Enforcement Training Council. This bill charges the department with providing or approving the mental health or addictive disorders training. The agency plans to create an uploadable video to fulfill this responsibility, which the agency is able to accomplish with existing staff and appropriations. As such, the bill is not expected to impact expenditures for the council.

Law Enforcement Agencies. This bill will not have an expenditure impact for Class 1-LE officers, because the new mental health and addictive disorders training would be incorporated within the existing 40 hours of required training and delivered by uploadable video. Class 3-SLE officers are currently required to complete less training for recertification, but state agencies have not reported any potential expenditure impact for them, or indicated they do not employ any Class 3-SLE officers. The following agencies indicated this bill will not have an expenditure impact: the Department of Public Safety, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Corrections, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and Board of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted twenty-three county governments and the Municipal Association of South Carolina regarding the expenditure impact of the amendment to this bill. Florence County indicates there would be a minimal expenditure impact watching training videos online the way officers currently receive some training through the Technical Assistance Training Council Center. Lancaster County indicated incorporating the training within the currently required 40 hours of recertification training would not have an expenditure impact. Although few responses were received, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office expects the bill will have minimal if any impact on local government expenditures.

Local Revenue

N/A



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