

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 212**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
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AUTHOR: Senator Alexander PRIMARY CODE CITE: 16-3-600
SUBJECT: Assault and Battery

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 212 amends Section 16-3-600 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as it relates to the criminal offense of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature by including the Law Enforcement Officers, Emergency Medical Services Provider or Firefighters as a protected class where any injury would bring about the offense of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Judicial Department

The Department indicates that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agency can absorb at their current level of funding.

Department of Corrections

Corrections indicates that this Bill will have an impact on the General Fund of the State due to the increase in the length of incarceration that can be imposed on an individual convicted of the under the amended statute. Due to the lack of empirical data on the sentencing patterns and the number of occurrences of this offense against the newly protected class is unavailable at this time and therefore the agency cannot provide and accurate cost due to this Bill.

Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services

The Department indicates that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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