

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 272**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
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SUBJECT: Murder

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 272 amends Section 16-3-20 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, related to the sentencing and punishment for murder, by providing for a mandatory life imprisonment when the State seeks a life sentence for a murder committed with certain other designated offenses or under certain further delineated circumstances

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 the current level of funding.

Department of Corrections

The Department indicates that this Bill will have a fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State. Due to increased length of sentencing for individuals charged under the new statute the Department indicates that there will be an increase in number of inmates serving longer sentences. The impact will be seen by the Department by 2044 with an increased cost of \$12,564 and will continue to increase each year until 2074 when the annual impact for the increased length of sentences will be \$14,808,768 for 379 more inmates.

Commission on Prosecution Coordination

The Department indicates that it cannot estimate the potential costs or savings associated with the Bill.

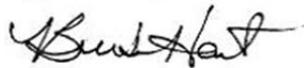
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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