



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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Bill Number: S. 0281  
 Author: Massey  
 Requestor: Senate Judiciary  
 Date: March 31, 2015  
 Subject: Transparency in Private Attorney Contracts Act  
 RFA Analyst(s): Shealy

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$ 0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$ 0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Revenue</b>	N/A	N/A

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will have minimal impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill provides for the terms under which the Attorney General may engage private counsel and the fees related to those engagements. The Attorney General's Office reports it has a minimal fiscal impact on their office and this impact could be minimized further by some procedural changes they have recommended.

The bill also establishes the procedures to be followed in litigating an asbestos tort claim. If this litigation results in additional hearings or trials in Common Pleas court, it is anticipated that the Judicial Department would absorb this minimal cost to Other Funds. There would be no impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

  
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 Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director