

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 416**

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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 Alexander PRIMARY CODE CITE: 56-5-3890  
SUBJECT: Texting

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

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

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 416 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1796, by adding Section 56-5-3890 which makes it illegal for an individual to operate a motor Vehicle on a public road, street, or highway in this State while using a wireless telecommunication device to write, send, or read a text-based communications. The Bill also provides penalties for the new offenses.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Law Enforcement Division, Department of Public Safety and the Department of Motor Vehicles indicate that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, the State Budget Division has surveyed members of the FIST Network. The responses will be forwarded upon receipt.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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