

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 468**

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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 Fair PRIMARY CODE CITE: 15-3-700  
SUBJECT: Foreign Defamation Judgment

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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 468 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 16-3-700 which defines the terms “Foreign Defamation Action” and “Foreign Defamation Judgment” and expands the protection for citizens against Foreign Defamation Judgments by providing for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Judicial Department indicates 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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