

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 556**

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TO:	The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairperson, Senate Education Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Parent Empowerment Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill would amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to enact the "Parent Empowerment Act" to provide that the parents of children attending a school rated below average or located in a school district rated at-risk under the Education Accountability Act may convert the school into a charter school or transform the school under a turnaround model, restart model, or transformation model.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education indicates they can absorb the costs associated with current appropriations.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

The legislation requires school districts to provide interventions and support to schools that choose one of the three models: turnaround, restart, and transformation. The State Department of Education indicates that the impact to local school districts is difficult to quantify since they do not know how many schools would be subject to the petition process.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Bill does not mandate any new state funding for intervention, so it is assumed school districts would implement this legislation within current local, state and federal appropriations.

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