

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 599**

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TO: The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairperson, Senate Education Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Shealy PRIMARY CODE CITE: 59-10-10
SUBJECT: Health Students Act of 2013

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

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

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as to enact the “Healthy Students Act of 2013” which would require students in grades six to twelve be provided a minimum 90 minutes of physical activity each week. In addition, schools must report the fitness status of all second grade students and the Department of Education must provide a summary report to the General Assembly of the fitness status of students in certain grades in each school district.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education indicates a recurring cost of \$702,125 for technology that would be used to collect the fitness status of students in the school districts. This includes a state licensing fee of \$35,000, a school site licensing fee of \$399 per school site, a 20% technical support fee of all state and school site license fees, and \$8,000 of IT maintenance and backup storage. The Department also estimates \$70,000 in nonrecurring costs to purchase IT hardware to host the software and store student data.

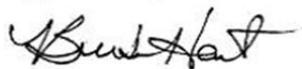
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

The Department estimates a potential impact to the school districts to implement 90 minutes of physical activity to students in grades 6-12 as school districts may choose to hire additional physical education teachers. In addition, the Department indicates a minimal impact to the school districts to inform parents and guardians of their child’s physical fitness in second grade.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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