

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.687**

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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 L. Martin PRIMARY CODE CITE: 63-15-400  
SUBJECT: Blind Person's Right To Parent Act

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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 687 amends Chapter 15, Title 63, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to child custody and visitation, to enact the "South Carolina Blind Person's Right To Parent Act", by adding Article 4 to the Chapter so as to provide that a court may not make a decision on guardianship, custody, or visitation based upon a sole consideration of the blindness of a child's parent or guardian.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Social Services

Commission for the Blind

The Agencies estimate this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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