

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S825, Ways and Means Amendment #3**
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TO: The Honorable W. Brian White, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Representative Limehouse PRIMARY CODE CITE: 44-6-35
SUBJECT: Military Family Quality of Life Enhancement Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 825 amendment #3 , amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by enacting the “Military Family Quality of Life Enhancement Act of 2014”.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Prosecution Coordination Commission

It is unknown what the state-wide fiscal impact would be for this Bill. It would have to be determined on a Circuit by Circuit basis. Currently, there are only 3 Veterans Court Programs. There is one in Richland County and also programs in Charleston County and Greenville County. The Charleston and Greenville Programs are both divisions of their Drug Court Programs. Those 3 Circuits are able to absorb the current cost of their programs. Other Circuits may also be able to absorb the cost of establishing and running a Veterans Court Program, but some Circuits may require a part-time Veterans Court Administrator to supervise and coordinate the program. There also may not be enough need in some Circuits to justify establishing a Veterans Court Program or there may not be VA treatment services available in a particular Circuit.

Judicial Department

State Department of Education

The Departments report that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agency can absorb at their current level of funding. There would be no impact on Federal and/or Other funds.

The Education Oversight Committee

State Election Commission

Both agencies report that this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

The State Department of Education indicates there would be minimal impact to the local school districts to host the annual report on military children online as well as print it, if necessary.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:

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