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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0884 Introduced on January 14, 2020
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Subject:	Millage Increase Limitation
Requestor:	Senate Finance
RFA Analyst(s):	Miller
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have an undetermined increase in local property tax revenue for fire protection districts because it is unknown how many counties will pass an ordinance to exceed the millage rate limitation and how much a county may choose to raise its millage above that allowed by the millage rate increase limitation.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure
N/A

State Revenue
N/A

Local Expenditure
N/A

Local Revenue
This bill allows the governing body of a county, by a majority vote, to adopt an ordinance to suspend the millage rate limitation for purposes of supporting a fire protection district. Currently, a county may only increase its millage by the millage increase limitation, per §6-1-320. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs contacted the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) to determine what counties may be interested in implementing such an ordinance. According to SCAC, based on a survey conducted in 2010, fifteen counties have fire protection services and would be eligible to implement an ordinance to increase the millage rate beyond the millage rate increase limitation. SCAC anticipates the majority of the fifteen counties would consider such an ordinance. However, the number of counties that would adopt the ordinance is unknown. Also, for those counties that adopt the ordinance, the amount by which a county will increase its millage to support the fire protection district above the millage increase limitation is unknown. Therefore, the local property tax revenue increase is undetermined.

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