

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.843**

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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 Cleary PRIMARY CODE CITE: 59-63-130
SUBJECT: Bullying

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)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend Section 59-63-130, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the prohibition of student harassment, intimidation, or bullying in public schools, so as to provide a school employee or volunteer may gratuitously intervene on behalf of a student subjected to harassment, intimidation, or bullying. This Bill further amends Section 59-63-150, relating to certain legal immunities for a school employee or volunteer who reports an incident of student harassment, intimidation, or bullying so as to provide immunity from criminal or civil liability for a school employee or volunteer who in good faith gratuitously intervenes on behalf of a student subjected to harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Department of Education:

The Department indicates there is no fiscal impact to the General fund of this State, or Federal/Other funds. Additionally, the Department states there will be no cost to the local school districts.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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