

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3014, as Amended**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
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SUBJECT: Veterans Treatment Court Program Act

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:

House Bill 3014 as amended amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 29, Title 14, to enact the "Veterans Treatment Court Program Act" which would create the administration for and the Veterans Treatment Court Programs itself, in each of the 16 Judicial Circuits coordinated by the Attorney General's Office.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department

The Department indicates that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State.

The Commission on Indigent Defense

The Commission indicates that this Bill will have a fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State. The agency anticipates a need for a part-time attorney in each circuit at a cost of \$35,000 per attorney per year. Total recurring cost would be \$560,000.

The Prosecution Coordination Commission

It is unknown what the statewide fiscal impact would be for this Bill. Currently, there are only 3 Veterans Court Programs in Richland County, Charleston County and Greenville County. The Charleston and Greenville Programs are both divisions of their Drug Court Programs. Some Circuits may 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.

Approved by:



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