FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H. 3184

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TO: The Honorable F. Gregory "Greg" Dellaney, Jr., Chairperson, House Judiciary Committee

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SUBJECT: Expungement of Criminal Records

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 3184 amends Section 22-5-910 of the Code of Law of South Carolina, 1976, as it relates to the Expungement of Criminal Records, to allow for the Expungement of a first offense crime which carries a fine of up to \$1,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department

The Department indicates that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

The State Law Enforcement Division

SLED indicates that this Bill will have a fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State of \$123,300 in Personal Services/Fringe Benefits for 3.00 new State Funded FTE's (Administrative Assistant II). One FTE has been requested in the FY 2013-14 budget request; however, to meet this Bill's requirements the agency projects that a total of 3 positions will be needed due to the expansion of the criteria for granting expungements.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The agency currently has 3.00 Federally Funded FTE's to process the Expungement requests, but the Federal Funds will run out in September of 2013. SLED had requested just one FTE versus the three current FTEs due to the decrease in the number of expungements over the last four years.

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