



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

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Bill Number: H. 3191  
 Author: Newton  
 Requestor: House Judiciary  
 Date: February 3, 2015  
 Subject: Create the Office of Freedom Act Review  
 RFA Analyst(s): Shealy

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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	141,370	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	2.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Revenue</b>	N/A	N/A

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would increase General Fund recurring expenditures by \$138,250 for 2 FTEs with total General Fund expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 of \$141,370 of which \$3,120 is non-recurring funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

House Bill H. 3191 creates the Office of Freedom of Information Act Review within the Administrative Law Court. A citizen of this State, or a public body, may file a request for hearing with the Office of Freedom of Information Act Review in certain instances. The hearing officers and staff must be appointed, hired, contracted, and supervised by the Chief Judge.


The Administration Law Court states that this bill would require additional expenditures for 1 FTE for a hearing officer to conduct the hearings and 1 FTE for an administrative staff position to process the cases and schedule hearings. Recurring General Fund expenditures for these FTE's would total \$138,250 in FY 2015-2016. Non-recurring General Fund expenditures would also increase by \$3,120 for a total General Fund expenditure of \$141,370 in FY 2015-2016.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**  
N/A

**Local Revenue**  
N/A



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