

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3236**

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TO: The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairperson, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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SUBJECT: Cervical Cancer Prevention Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3236 amends Chapter 29, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-29-185 cited as the "Cervical Cancer Prevention Act." The Bill authorizes the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) to offer adolescents enrolling in the seventh grade in any school in this State the cervical cancer vaccination (HPV) series. No student is required to have the vaccination series. The Bill also authorizes DHEC to develop and provide each school informational brochures which must specifically state that the cervical cancer vaccination series is optional and must encourage parents to take the child to the child's own health care provider to be vaccinated. The Bill also authorizes the Department of Education to provide this informational brochure to the parents/guardians of all 6th grade students. The Bill states that implementation is contingent upon the appropriation of state and federal funding to the Department to fully cover the costs of providing the vaccination series to eligible students and of producing the brochures.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

While the Bill does not require the Department to take any action if funding is not fully provided, the Bill does authorize the Department to develop and distribute informational brochures (estimated at \$9,446 annually) and to provide vaccinations directly to children or provide funding for vaccinations (estimated at \$455,827 annually due to the increase in requested HPV vaccinations resulting from promotional efforts). In addition to the \$465,273 in annual full-implementation State costs, the federal government is expected to contribute an additional \$1,991,917 for vaccines under the Vaccines for Children program. However, the Federal Affordable Care Act, now being debated in Congress, may impact costs associated with implementation. DHEC reports that the federal Act may alter eligibility to the VFC program, and may limit grants that DHEC (under current law) receives. DHEC also estimates that about \$85,432 could be recouped from Medicaid-eligible students, offsetting a portion of the State's estimated implementation \$455,827 cost.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE)

The South Carolina Department of Education indicates this Bill will have no impact on agency expenditures.

Approved by:



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