FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H.3247, as Amended

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Circuit Solicitors

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3247 amends the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws by adding amending Section 1-7-330 so as to clarify the role of the Circuit Solicitor in the administration of the General Sessions Court Docket and provide that this ability to administer the docket shall not interfere with the court's ability to protect a litigant's rights.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Commission on Prosecution Coordination

The Department indicates that there is no impact on the General Funds of the State.

<u>Judicial Department</u>

The Department indicates that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agency can absorb at their current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:

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