



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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Bill Number: H. 3353 As amended by the House of Representatives on April 23, 2015  
 Author: Bradley  
 Requestor: House of Representatives  
 Date: May 14, 2015  
 Subject: General Educational Development Camps  
 RFA Analyst(s): Fulmer and Walling

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	Minimal	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$238,438	N/A
<b>Local Revenue</b>	N/A	N/A

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

The impact of the bill as amended is a minimal impact to the General Fund which can be absorbed and no impact to Federal Funds and Other Funds. Local expenditures will increase for the school district Adult Education Centers that participate in the pilot program. Eleven school districts responded with a total expenditure impact of \$238,438.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

**Explanation of Amendment (April 23, 2015) – by House of Representatives**

The amendment to the bill places responsibility of establishing the GED Camp Pilot Program with the State Department of Education instead of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

**The State Department of Education.** This bill will have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds for the State Department of Education. The expenditure impact will be on the local school districts that are identified as participants in the pilot program. Eleven adult education programs responded with estimates ranging from \$1,000 to \$70,000, for a total of \$238,438. Anticipated expenditures include recruitment, training, and supervision of volunteer teachers, administration of federally required diagnostic tests, instructional materials, and registration and testing fees.

**The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.** The department indicates there will be a minimal expenditure impact on the General Fund which can be absorbed and no expenditure impact on Federal Funds or Other Funds.

**Explanation of the bill filed on January 20, 2015**

House Bill 3353 provides that the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (TEC) shall establish a two year pilot program in five specific counties to facilitate the use of General Educational Development Camps to help people obtain a General Educational Development certificate (GED).

Section 1(B) states that the program must focus on the use of volunteers to provide tutorial assistance for community members who are seeking to obtain their GED. However, TEC indicates there may be a minimal expenditure impact on the General Fund for the administration and oversight of the program.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

  
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