

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3435**

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| TO:       | The Honorable Phillip D. Owens, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee |      |         |
| FROM:     | State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board   |      |         |
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| AUTHOR:  | Representative Skelton             | PRIMARY CODE CITE: | 59-32-10 |
| SUBJECT: | Comprehensive Health Education Act |                    |          |

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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)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

The Bill would amend sections of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1975, relating to the Comprehensive Health Education Act that would provide guidelines for health education programs to be medically accurate and age-appropriate. This Bill would require the State Board of Education to provide an instructional unit in comprehensive health education to local school districts and to detail certification requirements to teachers of comprehensive health education.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Department of Education estimates that there is minimal impact to the General Fund which can be absorbed by the Department.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

This Bill would eliminate the ability of a school district to develop an instructional unit in-house and would require them to select an externally-produced instructional unit or an instructional unit developed by the State Board of Education. The State Department of Education estimates that the cost of such materials could range from \$0-\$50 per pupil. However, the Department cannot predict how many school districts would choose a no-cost option.

The Bill requires instructors to have certification of health education by August 1, 2016. However, the Bill does not require the State Department of Education or local school districts to pay for this new required certification. The State Department of Education presumes that the intent is for the individual teachers to pay for this requirement.

Approved by:



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