

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3435, as Amended**
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TO: The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairperson, Senate Education 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

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill would amend sections of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, 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 indicates the need for one full-time equivalent (FTE) staff member with a Ph.D expert on Health Education to implement the curriculum requirements outlined in H. 3435. The estimated salary and fringe would be \$90,000. In addition, the Department indicates an additional \$110,000 to support curriculum development and delivery of the annual regional professional development.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

The Department indicates there is minimal impact to the local school districts which can be absorbed.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Approved by:



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