

REVISED FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H. 3905

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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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SUBJECT:	Back to Basics in Education Act of 2013		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

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

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, so as to enact the “Back to Basics in Education Act of 2013” by adding Section 59-29-15 that would add cursive writing and memorization of multiplication tables to the required subjects of instruction in public schools, to require students demonstrate competence in each subject before completion of the fifth grade, to provide the State Department of Education to assist the School Districts in identifying the most appropriate means for integrating this requirement into existing curriculums, and to make the provisions of this Bill applicable beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education indicates no impact to the State General Fund and/or Federal and Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

While cursive is taught in several grades during elementary school, research shows its most effective if taught in second grade before students learn how to print. Therefore, if school districts chose to use workbooks, teaching cursive to 57,314 students in second grade multiplied by the cost of one new student workbook (\$11.29) is \$647,075.

The Department indicates there is no additional cost for the multiplication requirement.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The italicized portion of this impact indicates the items that have been revised. For this impact, the revised constitutes information that was not available in the original impact.

Approved by:



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