

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3919**

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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 Owens | PRIMARY CODE CITE: | 59-18-310 |
| SUBJECT: | High School Exit Exam | | |

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

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

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Savings to Federal/Other Funds

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill would amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to provide that all students must take the exit exam to graduate but not need to attain a minimum score on the exit exam to graduate and that an eligible student who previously failed may re-enroll in high school and will not have to pass the exit exam to receive a high school diploma.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education estimates a \$400,000 savings in EIA funds appropriated in Section XII.A.2 Special Items: Assessment/Testing.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

The State Department of Education is unable to quantify the potential costs of the re-enrolled students. The most likely state budget line affected by re-enrolled students is the Education Finance Act, which receives an annual appropriation determined by the General Assembly.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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