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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 3925	Signed by Governor on April 16, 2021
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Subject:	Homeschool Student Interscholastic Participation Waiver	
Requestor:	House of Representatives	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill waives the requirement for school years 2020-21 and 2021-22 that students must have been taught in a home school setting for a full academic year prior to participating in interscholastic activities of a public school district. The bill allows eligible homeschool students that were enrolled in a public school for the beginning of either the 2019-20 or 2020-2021 school years to participate in interscholastic activities in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), since it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on local school districts. While the bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of local districts, we anticipate that this bill may allow a small number of additional homeschool students to participate in interscholastic activities within public school districts. However, we expect any increase in expenses can be managed within the existing budgets of the districts.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill waives the requirement for school years 2020-21 and 2021-22 of Section 59-63-100(A)(3), which provides that students must have been taught in a home school setting for a full academic year prior to participating in interscholastic activity of a public school district. The bill allows eligible homeschool students that were enrolled in a public school for the beginning of either the 2019-20 or 2020-2021 school years to participate in interscholastic activity of a public school district. Additionally, the bill waives the four academic course requirement for students to participate in interscholastic activities for the 2020-21 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, for the current school year, students must achieve an overall passing average in at least three academic courses and be on track for graduation in order to participate in interscholastic activities.

Department of Education. SCDE indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency, since it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill waives the requirements for school years 2020-21 and 2021-22 of Section 59-63-100(A)(3), which requires students to have been taught in a home school setting for a full academic year prior to participating in interscholastic activity of a public school district. The bill allows eligible homeschool students that were enrolled in a public school for the beginning of either the 2019-20 or 2020-2021 school years to participate in interscholastic activity of a public school district. Additionally, the bill waives the four academic course requirement for students to participate in interscholastic activities for the 2020-21 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, for the current school year, students must achieve an overall passing average in at least three academic courses and be on track for graduation in order to participate in interscholastic activities.

While SCDE indicates that this bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of school districts, we anticipate that some homeschool students who were previously not eligible to participate in interscholastic activities will now be eligible to participate. Further, SDE does not have data on the number of homeschool students that currently participate in interscholastic activities at public school districts, but expects the number is a small percentage of the homeschool student population. Based on this assertion, although the number of students eligible under the waiver provided in this bill cannot be quantified, we expect the number will be small. Therefore, we expect any expenses associated with a potential increase in the number of homeschool students participating in interscholastic activities within public school districts to be minimal and to be managed within the existing budgets of the local districts.

Local Revenue

N/A



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