

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 4061**

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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:	State Board of Education		

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)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend Section 59-32-20 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, so as to require the Board to select or develop instructional units in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention, with separate units appropriate for each age level from four-year old kindergarten through twelfth grade. This Bill would also amend Section 59-32-30, relating to the requirement that local school districts implement the comprehensive health education program so as to require the districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention as part of the program.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education indicates that this Bill would have a minimal fiscal impact, since State standards for Comprehensive Health Education already outline age-appropriate instruction for sexual abuse and assault. However, if additional curriculum needs to be developed, a curriculum writing committee will be formed and require travel and substitute pay. There would be an estimated cost of \$10,000 for professional development. These costs can be absorbed by the agency.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

The Department indicates there would be minimal impact to the local school districts which can be absorbed with current funding.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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