FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H. 4458

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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: Winter Holidays

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

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

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill would amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 59-1-456 so as to provide a local school district may educate students about holidays of traditional winter celebrations and to provide that a school district may display certain symbols associated with these holidays on school property unless the display includes a message that encourages adherence to a particular religious belief.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education indicates that the fiscal impact of this Bill is unknown due to possible litigation costs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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None.

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