

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4665**
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TO: The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairperson, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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SUBJECT: Administration of Medication to a Minor

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 4665 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 63-13-185 so as to prohibit the administration of medication to a minor child by an employee or volunteer of a childcare facility without parental permission, to include exceptions in circumstances of emergencies. Currently, this is required of all facilities except Registered Family Child Care Homes. The Bill also requires childcare facilities to maintain records that document receipt of parental permission, and to provide criminal penalties. The Bill excludes topical ointments from requiring parental permission for administration.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Social Services

DSS reports that this Bill defines Childcare Facility in Section 63-13-185 which is in contrast to the current definition found in Section 63-13-20(4) which provides for certain exceptions. Without the exceptions, DSS reports recurring General Fund costs of approximately \$2,085,104, which includes 33 FTE positions. In addition, DSS estimates \$82,500 in non-recurring costs for office furnishings (\$2,500 per person for 33 positions).

SPECIAL NOTES:

This fiscal impact is based on the licensing of an additional 1,000 programs. DSS indicates that it is difficult to estimate how many programs would require licensing, therefore these estimates would need to be multiplied accordingly.

Judicial Department

Department of Corrections

The Departments indicate that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agencies can absorb at their current level of funding.

University of South Carolina

The Agency estimates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

None.

Approved by:

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