

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 4859**

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TO: The Honorable F. Gregory “Greg” Dellaney, Jr., Chairperson, House Judiciary Committee  
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board  
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AUTHOR: Representative Limehouse PRIMARY CODE CITE: 37-3-414  
SUBJECT: Military Family Quality of Life Enhancement Act

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
See Below

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

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 4859 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, enacts the “Military Family Quality of Life Enhancement Act of 2014”.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Prosecution Coordination Commission

It is unknown what the state-wide fiscal impact would be for this Bill. It would have to be determined on a Circuit by Circuit basis. Currently, there are only 3 Veterans Court Programs. There is one in Richland County and also programs in Charleston County and Greenville County. However, the Charleston and Greenville Programs are both divisions of their Drug Court Programs. Those 3 Circuits are able to absorb the current cost of their programs. Other Circuits may also be able to absorb the cost of establishing and running a Veterans Court Program, but some Circuits may require a part-time Veterans Court Administrator to supervise and coordinate the program. There also may not be enough need in some Circuits to justify establishing a Veterans Court Program or there may not be VA treatment services available in a particular Circuit.

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

CHE indicates the legislation affects tuition and fee revenues collected by colleges and universities. The provision would enable students who would be assessed out-of-state rates to pay in-state rates for the year during which in-state residency is established. The cost is the loss of the differential for each eligible student for one year for that student. After residency is established, the student becomes eligible for the in-state rate. Currently, CHE does not collect data that would enable the agency to determine the number of eligible students under the proposal. Previous surveys of the the institutions indicate that data is not collected by colleges and universities enabling them to project an accurate impact. For information, a FY2013-14 tuition and fee schedule by insitution providing the in-state/out-of-state differential is attached.

Department of Consumer Affairs

Judicial Department

These Agencies report that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agencies are able to absorb at their current level of funding. There would be no impact on Federal and/or Other funds.

Office of Adjutant General  
Education Oversight Committee  
Department of Education

These Agencies report that this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:

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