

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 158**

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TO: The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairperson, Senate Education Committee
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SUBJECT: Driver's License Suspension

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

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

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 158 amends Sections 56-1-176 and 56-1-396 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by making school attendance one of the conditions, for allowing an individual under the age of 18, to obtain a conditional, special or restricted driver's license and that these conditions also apply to the reinstatement of a beginner's permit. The Bill also adds Section 56-1-177 and 56-1-46 which allows for the suspension of a minor's privilege to drive and provides penalties for those who drive while their drivers' license are suspended.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

The Department indicates Bill will have an impact on the General Fund of the State of approximately \$102,681 in recurring cost for salary and fringe for 3.00 new FTE's and \$271,323 in non-recurring costs associated with the development of a business process and rules as well as information technology cost establishing an interface system with the Department of Education along with the Private Schools and the Home School Association.

Administrative Law Court

The Court indicates that the Bill would require 1.00 new State Funded FTE's for a Hearing Officer at an annual cost to the General Fund of \$73,310 for salary/fringe. There would also a non-recurring operating cost of \$2,100.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE)

SCDE indicates this Bill will have a minimal fiscal impact on agency expenditures, which can be absorbed at the agency's current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

SCDE reports a potential fiscal impact to the districts to comply with record keeping and reporting requirements of this Bill.

Approved by:



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