

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 191**

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TO:	The Honorable Daniel B. "Danny" Verdin, III, Chairperson, Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Farm to school program		

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

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 191 amends Chapter 3, Title 46 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 46-3-25 which creates the SC Fresh on the Campus program to be developed and implemented by the Department of Agriculture in concert with the Department of Education. The program is meant to foster relationships between local farms and schools so as to encourage school nutrition programs to purchase locally grown farm-fresh produce. The Bill requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a website and to consult with the Department of Health & Environmental Control and Clemson University. The Bill encourages the Department of Agriculture to seek grants and private funding.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Agriculture

The Department reports that the development, implementation and on-going coordination will require 1.00 Program Director at an estimated annual cost of \$50,000 (including \$40,000 for salary and fringes and \$10,000 for operating expenses). The Department anticipates receiving a federal grant of \$50,000 in FY 2014 for such a program, which would cover the cost of the program for one year; but continuation of the grant is not assured. If the federal grant is not renewed, the impact on the State General Fund would be \$50,000 annually, if the General Assembly chooses to continue the program.

Department of Education, Clemson PSA and Department of Health and Environmental Control

All three agencies indicate that any costs to the agency could be absorbed within current agency operations. Furthermore, the Department of Education projects no impact to the school districts.

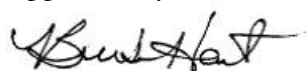
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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