

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 296**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee  
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board  
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AUTHOR: Senator Jackson PRIMARY CODE CITE: 16-11-535  
SUBJECT: Vandalism of Places of Worship

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 296 amends Section 16-11-535 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as it relates to malicious injury to a place of worship by providing that whoever willfully, unlawfully and maliciously vandalized, defaces, damages or destroys or attempts to vandalize, deface, damage or destroy any fixtures or improvements of a place of worship, or aids, agrees with, employs or conspires with any person to do cause to be done in any of these acts is guilty of a Felony and if convicted must serve a sentence of no less than six month and no more than ten years or fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or both.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Corrections

The Department indicates that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agency can absorb at its current level of funding.

The Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services

Judicial Department

The Departments indicate that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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