

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 341, as Amended**

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TO: The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee

FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board

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AUTHOR: Senator Alexander PRIMARY CODE CITE: 44-37-70

SUBJECT: Emerson Rose Act (Pulse Oximetry Screening of Newborns)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

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

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

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

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 341, as amended, amends Chapter 37, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-37-70 relating to pulse oximetry screenings of newborns. The Bill requires all birthing facilities, as a condition of licensing, to perform a pulse oximetry screenings within 48 hours after birth. The Bill requires the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) to promulgate regulations with the advice of the Birth Outcomes Initiative Leadership Team under the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). The Bill requires HHS to work with birthing facilities through their partnership with the Birth Outcomes Initiative to recommend screening-related policies, and requires HHS to provide reimbursement for such screenings.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that this Bill will have no impact on agency operating costs.

Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)

The Agency has been forwarded a copy of the Bill, but to date, has not submitted impact of the proposed Bill.

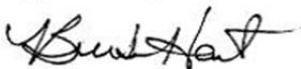
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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