

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.347**

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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 Hayes	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	8-13-100
SUBJECT:	Ethics, Government Accountability and Campaign Reform Act		

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 347 amends Section 8-13-100, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the definitions applicable to the general provisions of the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, so as to eliminate the definition of "Appropriate Supervisory Office". The Bill also amends Section 8-13-320, as amended, relating to the duties and powers of the State Ethics Commission, so as to include the members, staff and candidates for the General Assembly within the jurisdiction of the State Ethics Commission. Additionally, the Bill amends Section 8-13-1300, as amended, relating to the definitions applicable to the campaign practices provisions of the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, so as to eliminate the definition of "Appropriate Supervisory Office". Finally, the Bill repeals Sections 8-13-530, 8-13-540, and 8-13-550 all relating to the House of Representatives and Senate Ethics Committees.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Ethics Commission would expect to hire at least one Investigator III to investigate the complaints received; however, the number of investigators ultimately hired would be based on the number of complaints received by the Commission. The salary and operating expenses for an Investigator III would be \$79,750 annually with non-recurring costs of \$12,000.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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