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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0437 As signed by the Governor on June 3, 2015
 Author: Campsen
 Requestor: Senate Education
 Date: June 26, 2015
 Subject: James B. Edwards Civics Education Initiative
 RFA Analyst(s): Fulmer

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill, as amended, would have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Explanation of Amendment (May 27, 2015) – By the House of Representatives

The amendment to this bill requires high school students to take the civics test but students are not required to obtain a minimum score. Students, who receive a passing grade, as determined by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, may be recognized by the school district. Each public school must report the percentage of students at or above the passing score on the test to the Education Oversight Committee, which will include the percentage on the school report card. The amendment is not expected to impact expenditures, and the impact of the bill as amended is unchanged from the bill as filed.

Explanation of Bill Filed on February 10, 2015

State Expenditure

This bill would add Section 59-29-240 to require all students of public or charter schools to take the United States Citizenship Civics Test produced by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service and to award a Certificate of Achievement to all students who receive a grade of sixty or better on the test.

State Department of Education. The agency indicates this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. The instruction could be

incorporated into the current curriculum, and there is currently no cost for the exam referenced in the bill.

State Revenue

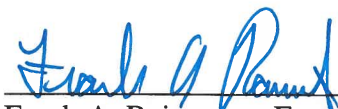
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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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