

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 447**

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TO: The Honorable W. Brian White, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee  
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board  
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AUTHOR: Senator Fair PRIMARY CODE CITE: 44-53-230  
SUBJECT: Stop Methamphetamine Production Act

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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 447 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding or amending various Sections to Title 44, Chapter 53 (DHEC); Title 56, Chapter 32 (DMV) and Title 63, Chapter 7 so as to enact the "Stop Methamphetamine Production Act." The Bill provides guidelines for the regulation, monitoring and reporting of certain controlled substances; requires certain information to be reported and provides penalties for violations. The Bill authorizes the State Law Enforcement Division to obtain and catalog certain information regarding the sale and purchase of these controlled substances. The Bill requires vehicle sellers to notify buyers if the vehicle came in contact with methamphetamine chemicals; and the Bill prohibits the Department of Social Services from placing a child in the care of someone involved in methamphetamine production or trafficking.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Judicial Department

Department of Motor Vehicles

State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

The Departments indicate that the requirements of this Bill will have a minimal impact on the agency and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)

The Department reports that this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Corrections (SCDC)

The Department indicates that this Bill may create a savings to the agency due to the new requirements outlined in the proposed legislation. Because this Bill requires that a person have a physician's prescription for the purchase or sale of products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine, then there may be a decrease in the number of individuals arrested, convicted and sentenced to SCDC for this crime. Statistical data does not exist to determine the exact savings to the agency.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

The State Budget Division surveyed local governments to assess the impact of this Bill. One county responded and indicated there would be no impact. Another county indicated it was difficult to give an accurate estimate on the costs.

Approved by:

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Brenda Hart  
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