

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 457**

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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 Bright PRIMARY CODE CITE: 1-1-310
SUBJECT: Personhood Act of South Carolina

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs are expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

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

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 457 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 5 to Chapter 1, Title 1 which enacts the "Personhood Act of South Carolina" which establishes that the right to life for each born and preborn human being begins at fertilization, and the right to due process and equal protection, guaranteed in Article 1, Section 3 of the Constitution of this State, vest at fertilization for each born and preborn human person.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department

The Department indicates that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the agency, which can be absorbed by the agency at their current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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