

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 495**

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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 Lourie PRIMARY CODE CITE: 23-3-115
SUBJECT: Organizations that qualify for reduced fee for criminal record checks

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 495 amends Section 23-3-115(B) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the reduced fee of eight dollars that charitable organizations are eligible to pay for each criminal record check. The Bill clarifies which organization and which types of personnel qualify for the reduced fee. The Bill adds that “local parks and recreation volunteers through a commission, municipality, county or the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism” qualify for the reduced fee.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Law Enforcement Division

SLED indicates that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism

The Department reports that this Bill would have no impact on the State General Fund or on Federal Funds. The Bill would reduce the amount that the agency now pays for criminal record checks on volunteers at state parks. The Department estimates that the agency would save about \$500 and the savings would be directed toward the operation of the parks system.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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