



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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Subject:	Removal of the South Carolina Infantry Battle Flag
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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact Summary Below	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Revenue</b>	N/A	N/A

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

The expenditure impact of this bill is undeterminable at this time. While Department of Administration expenditures associated with the removal of the flag and returning the area where the flagpole stands to its previous condition are minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources, the Confederate Relic Room expenditures for the museum display will depend upon the final criteria established for appropriate display of the flag.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill permanently removes the South Carolina Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America from its designated location on the grounds of the Capitol Complex within twenty-four hours of the effective date of the bill. The flag will be transported to the Confederate Relic Room for appropriate display. The area where the flagpole currently stands must be returned its original condition.

**Department of Administration.** The Division of General Services would be responsible for returning the area where the flagpole stands to its previous condition. The department indicates that the impact would be minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

**Confederate Relic Room.** The South Carolina Infantry Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America would be transported to the Confederate Relic Room for appropriate display. Senate

Bill 897 is silent on the definition of an appropriate display, but the agency estimates that refurbishment of existing space and creation of a display may require a one-time expenditure of at least \$1,020,000, as well as recurring expenditures of \$130,000. The Confederate Relic Room is also considering other approaches to display the South Carolina Infantry Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America that could cost in the range of \$10 to \$15 million dollars depending on design proposals. In summary, the one-time and recurring expenditures by the Confederate Relic Room are undeterminable at this time and will depend upon the final criteria established for appropriate display of the flag.

**State Revenue**


N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

  
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