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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0955
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Subject:	Uniform traffic tickets
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s):	Wren, Gardner, and Williams
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	Pending	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. Also, this bill would have no expenditure impact on municipal governments, though there could be some cost savings if there are fewer arrests. The expenditure impact on county governments is pending, contingent upon a final response from county sheriffs and the South Carolina Sheriff's Association.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends Sections 56-7-10 and 56-7-15, to provide that a uniform traffic ticket must be used in lieu of custodial arrest for certain offenses and provides for exceptions. Also, Section 56-7-80 is amended, to provide that a uniform ordinance summons must be used in lieu of custodial arrest for the enforcement of county and municipal ordinances. Additionally, Section 56-25-30 is amended, to provide that a law enforcement officer who issues a uniform traffic citation to a nonresident must allow the individual to proceed on personal recognizance without having to post bond or appear before a judicial officer. Further, this bill amends Section 56-25-40, which provides that no individual shall be entitled to be released on personal recognizance pursuant to Section 56-25-30 if the individual does not possess a driver's license or identification card or the individual is being charged with a separate offense other than an offense provided in this chapter.

Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Public Safety, and Judicial Department.

These agencies indicate that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted the Municipal Association of South Carolina, twenty-three county governments, and the South Carolina Sheriff's Association regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. The Municipal Association indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on municipal law enforcement agencies, but could save money by eliminating the expense of transporting and housing individuals taken into custody for the offenses outlined in the bill. Barnwell County indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on their locality. Florence County indicates that this bill will have a minimal expenditure impact due to the cost of printing a new ticket format. In addition, the South Carolina Sheriff's Association is working on a state-wide expenditure impact for county governments. Therefore, the expenditure impact on county governments is pending, contingent upon a final response from county sheriffs and the Sheriff's Association. We will update our analysis once we have a final response.

Local Revenue

N/A



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