

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 1012**

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TO:	The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., Chairperson, Senate Medical Affairs Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Prescription Drug Trafficking		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

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

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1012 amends the code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 by adding Section 44-53-80 which provides for the offense of Trafficking in Prescription Drugs as well as the penalty for violation of this new offense.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Corrections

The Department indicates that this Bill will have a fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, due to the longer sentences established for these new offenses. With longer sentences the agency will incur the cost associated with the additional time that inmate will serve. Due to the lack of empirical data associated with these new penalties, the agency is unable to provide a definitive fiscal impact.

Other Agencies

The Judicial Department and the State Law Enforcement Division indicate that this Bill will have a minimal impact that both agencies can absorb at their respective levels of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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