

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.117, as Amended**

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| TO: | The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee | | |
| FROM: | State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board | | |
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| AUTHOR: | Senator Hayes | PRIMARY CODE CITE: | 44-66-75 |
| SUBJECT: | Adult Healthcare Consent Act | | |

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs 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 117, as amended, amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, by adding Section 44-66-75 so as to require a health care provider to give a patient an opportunity to allow disclosure of certain information to designated family members and other individuals and to authorize the involvement of these family members and other individuals in the treatment of the patient. The Bill further provides civil and criminal immunity for good faith disclosure of information and amends Section 44-66-20, as amended, so as to define "patient" and "treatment" and to amend other definitions.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)

The Department reports that this Bill will require a one-time change in the permission form. The cost to the agency would be minimal and can be absorbed, or there would be no additional cost.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN)

Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)

South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium

These agencies report this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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