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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 1262	As signed by the Governor on June 3, 2016
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Subject:	Charter Schools	
Requestor:	Senate	
RFA Analyst(s):	Fulmer and Stein	
Impact Date:	October 4, 2016	

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

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

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds unless a new charter school were to open as an Alternative Education Campus.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Explanation of Amendment by the Senate on May 24, 2016

State Expenditure

The bill as amended expands charter schools that may be designated as an Alternative Education Campus (AEC) to include schools with a mission and purpose of specializing in providing evidence-based, specific educational or behavioral health services to educationally disadvantaged students. The bill allows these schools to give admissions preference to those students.

Department of Education. Pursuant to proviso in the general appropriations act, Education Improvement Act funds are allocated to students enrolled in brick and mortar charter schools sponsored by the South Carolina Charter School District. The FY 2016-17 proviso sets the amount at \$3,600 per weighted pupil. If existing charter schools receive the designation as an AEC, there will be no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. However, if new brick and mortar schools open and receive the AEC designation, Other Funds will be impacted by \$3,600 per weighted pupil.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Explanation of Bill Filed April 21, 2016**State Expenditure**

This bill amends Section 59-40-50 concerning charter school admission to add an exception for an Alternative Education Campus with an explicit mission and purpose to serve educationally disadvantaged students. Mission-aligned preference may be given to the educationally disadvantaged students as specifically defined in their charter and charter contract approved by their sponsor.

That State Department of Education indicates that there is no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds as long the charter school is an existing school. If a new brick and mortar charter school opens with this designation, the expenditure impact to the Education Improvement Act would be \$3,600 per pupil.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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