

# Statement of Estimated Local Revenue Impact

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## Bill Summary

A Bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 56-7-37 so as to provide that a driver of a motor vehicle may be found liable of a civil penalty for violations regarding passing or overtaking a school bus if the violation is captured on a video recording device mounted on the school bus, to provide penalties, and to provide the evidentiary process and the process by which a person receives service of process.

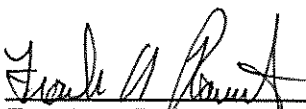
## REVENUE IMPACT <sup>1/</sup>

We expect this bill will potentially increase local revenues in FY2014-15. We expect no impact on State General Fund Revenue.

## Explanation

This bill adds Section 56-7-37, which allows a video recording device to be mounted on a school bus to record the improper passing or overtaking of a school bus. The recorded images must show the date and time the recording was made and the activation of flashing red lights, stop arms, and brakes. The law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the provisions of this Section will send the citation by regular mail to the owner of the motor vehicle. Violations of this Section will result in a civil monetary penalty. The amount of the fine ranges from one hundred dollars to one thousand dollars depending on the offense. No part of the fine may be suspended. Additionally, no court costs, assessments or surcharges may be assessed. Violations of this Section will not be included in the offender's motor vehicle records, criminal records or reported to the offender's motor vehicle insurer. A school system may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with a political subdivision to offset expenses related to the implementation and operation of the video recording devices.

Based upon information obtained by the Department of Education, no school buses currently have the necessary recording devices installed. Therefore, once the devices are installed, there is the potential for an increase in local revenues in FY2014-15. We expect no impact on State General Fund Revenue.



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<sup>1/</sup> This statement meets the requirement of Section 2-7-76 for a local revenue impact or Section 6-1-85(B) for an estimate of the shift in local property tax incidence by the Office of Economic Research.