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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Subject: Information Collected by EMS Personnel
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	insufficient data	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on municipal governments. Based on the limited number of responses received from county governments, we are unable to provide a statewide expenditure impact on county governments at this time.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

Senate Bill 56 amends Section 44-61-160, relating to the confidentiality of information collected by EMS personnel. The bill provides that the identities of patients and EMS technicians and information collected or prepared by EMS personnel are subject to subpoena in any administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding and may be released by court order. The bill retains the current provision in the statute that identities of patients and EMS personnel are not available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Administrative Law Court indicate that this bill would 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 and twenty-three county governments regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. We received responses from the Municipal Association and Richland County. The Municipal Association reports this bill will have no expenditure impact on municipal governments. Richland County reports this bill will have no expenditure impact on the county. Based on the limited number of responses received from county governments, we are unable to provide a statewide impact on county government expenditures at this time.

Local Revenue

N/A



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