



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0997 As amended by Senate General on January 27, 2016
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Subject: Refugees and Voluntary resettlement organizations
Requestor: Senate General
RFA Analyst(s): Fulmer and Gardner
Impact Date: February 3, 2016

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

| | FY 2016-17 | FY 2017-18 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| State Expenditure | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other and Federal | \$0 | \$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 to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill would require refugees to enroll with the Department of Social Services (DSS) within thirty days of entering the State. DSS would be required to maintain a database of refugee enrollment information and make it available to the public on their website. The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), along with local law enforcement, would be required to perform necessary background checks to ensure these refugees do not pose a public safety risk. This bill prohibits the use of state or local funds on the Refugee Resettlement Program with the exception of SLED and local law enforcement for refugee resettlement.

The Department of Social Services. The department currently uses Federal Refugee Resettlement Funds to administer the program. The department indicates that maintaining a database could be accomplished using existing resources.

State Law Enforcement Division. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted the agency and has not received a response to date. RFA anticipates no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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