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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0173 Introduced on January 10, 2017
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Subject: Law Enforcement Training Council New Definitions
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
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	Undetermined	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

The bill is not expected to impact local expenditures for the required training. However, the impact of the bill related to the requirement of establishing a local crisis intervention team in each county is undetermined due to limited responses.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 10, 2017

State Expenditure

This bill, which relates to the Law Enforcement Training Council (LETC) and the Criminal Justice Academy, adds new definitions related to local crisis intervention teams and requires a Class 1-LE law enforcement officer to complete Continuing Law Enforcement Education Credits (CLEEC) in mental health or addictive disorders each year of a three-year recertification period. Such training must be provided or approved by the academy and the South Carolina Technical Assistance Center Council (TACC). The TACC will be established and maintained by the LETC in conjunction with the Department of Mental Health and the mental health courts. The TACC will consist of the eleven members serving as the LETC and three other members who are to be appointed by the LETC. Newly appointed members will begin serving on January 1, 2018. One of the three appointed members must be a consumer representative who has experienced a mental health or addiction disorder, and the other two appointed members must have at least ten years of experience in psychology, psychiatry, sociology, or social work. TACC members will not receive compensation for their service on the council.

The duties of the TACC will include identification of grants or monies that can be used to fund local law enforcement, local crisis intervention teams, and evaluation of crisis intervention team training; creation of a Statewide Crisis Intervention Team Advisory Committee; assisting rural counties in creating crisis intervention teams and team training; and providing each crisis intervention team with appropriate training, information, and technical assistance. Additionally, the bill requires every county sheriff's department in the state to have at least one crisis intervention team.

Judicial Department. This bill authorizes the Law Enforcement Training Council to establish and maintain a crisis intervention training center and to govern and supervise crisis intervention team training. The department estimates the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Law Enforcement Training Council. This bill charges the department with additional responsibilities that the agency is able to accomplish with existing staff and appropriations. As such, the bill is not expected to impact expenditures for the department.

Department of Mental Health. The department indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds. The agency will provide training and support as needed to each county's crisis intervention team, as well as the Technical Assistance Center Council and the Statewide Crisis Intervention Team Advisory Committee. The department can accomplish these duties and responsibilities with their current resources.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted twenty-three county governments and the Municipal Association of South Carolina regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. In regard to the required training in crisis intervention for officers, Charleston County indicates that expenses will depend on how the required trainings are implemented by the South Carolina Technical Assistance Center Council (TACC). If the trainings are only held in Columbia, South Carolina, then travel expenses will be incurred to attend the training. However, if trainings are given virtually or if the TACC approves trainings that are given by a third party, then there would be no impact since the trainings could be attended locally. Charleston County currently requires deputies to attend a course offered by the National Alliance for Mental Illness that is free of charge. Lancaster County responded that they do not see an expenditure impact for attending trainings since the training may take the place of other currently required continuing education training.

Additionally the bill requires all counties establish at least one crisis intervention team through the sheriff's department. Charleston's response did not address the creation of local crisis intervention teams (LCITs). Lancaster County responded that the implementation of LCITs may impact expenditures but are unable to provide an estimated cost to implementing the LCITs.

Based upon the limited responses received and lack of data, the expenditure impact for local governments is undetermined.

Local Revenue

N/A



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