



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0271 Introduced on January 24, 2017  
**Author:** Allen  
**Subject:** Inmates Attending Funeral Services  
**Requestor:** Senate Corrections and Penology  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Gardner and Wren  
**Impact Date:** February 16, 2017

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	Pending	\$0
Other and Federal	Pending	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

Given that RFA is currently waiting on responses from several agencies, the fiscal impact of this bill is pending.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill establishes that when the parent or parent substitute, sibling, spouse, child, grandparent, or grandchild of a South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) inmate becomes seriously ill to the point of imminent death or dies, provided that SCDC has determined that the inmate poses no security risk, he must be offered the choice to either visit the person in the hospital or attend the person's viewing or funeral service should the location be within state boundaries. SCDC must provide the necessary security and transportation for the inmate and, in doing so, may engage the services of the sheriff of the county in which the funeral or hospital is located. SCDC or the sheriff may collect the actual cost for providing security and transportation from a third party on behalf of the inmate or through a deduction of the inmate's trust account.

**Department of Corrections.** A determination of the bill's fiscal impact is pending, as the agency is still reviewing the bill.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

This bill requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide the necessary security and transportation for an inmate to either attend a relative's viewing, funeral service, or, prior to the person's death, visit the person in the hospital. DOC may engage the services of the sheriff in the county in which the funeral service or hospital visit is located to provide the necessary security and transportation for the inmate. The sheriff may collect the actual cost for the security and transportation from a third party on behalf of the inmate, or through a deduction from the inmate's trust account. Since this bill allows the sheriff to bill for the expenses associated with the security and transportation of inmates, this bill will have no expenditure impact on county law enforcement agencies.

**Local Revenue**

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