



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0912 Introduced on January 23, 2018
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Subject: Private Investigators
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RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
Impact Date: March 8, 2018

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
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 will have no impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds because the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) anticipates a minimal, if any, increase in additional tasks, duties, or cases, which can be managed within current resources.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 23, 2018

State Expenditure

This bill creates the misdemeanor offense for knowingly providing services to multiple parties having opposing interests in another civil or criminal matter by a private investigator or his business. A person convicted of a first offense must pay a fine of \$500 and have both his private investigation license and registration certificate suspended for two years. A person convicted of a second offense must pay a fine of \$1,000 and have both his private investigation license and registration certificate suspended for three years. A person convicted of a third or subsequent offense must pay a fine of \$1,500 and have both his private investigation license and registration certificate suspended for five years. Persons who violate these provisions must reimburse their clients for all payments made to them or their businesses.

State Law Enforcement Division. The bill creates new criminal offenses and provides for court intervention actions when a private investigator knowingly provides services to opposing parties of a dispute. SLED is only aware of one incident where a private investigator knowingly provided services to multiple parties having opposing interests in a civil or criminal matter.

Therefore, it is anticipated that the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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