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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0595	Amended by the Senate on April 9, 2019
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Subject:	Childcare Facilities	
Requestor:	House Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Mitchell and Gardner	
Impact Date:	May 3, 2019	Updated for Additional Agency Response

Fiscal Impact Summary

The bill will have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the Department of Social Services, as expenditures related to the addition of three new FTEs will be managed within the Child Care and Development Fund block grant.

The bill will have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, as it requires the division to perform activities currently conducted in the normal course of agency business.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response on May 3, 2019

Amended by the Senate on April 9, 2019

State Expenditure

The bill updates provisions related to background checks for employment at childcare facilities, by further enumerating criminal offenses which disqualify an individual for employment at a childcare facility, and adding that an applicant for employment at a childcare facility is subject to criminal register or repository check, a state sex offender check, and a state child abuse and neglect registry and database check in each state where the applicant has lived in the previous five years. The bill adds that fingerprint-based background checks are to be repeated every five years.

The bill adds that the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is authorized to retain and store fingerprints for further use in the identification of persons, and is also authorized to provide the Department of Social Services with current and future information regarding the fingerprints stored, including arrests, convictions, dispositions, warrants, and other information available.

Department of Social Services. The Department of Social Services indicates that the provisions of the bill would require the addition of three FTEs. Three new Administrative Assistants would be tasked with the processing of criminal background checks, state sex offender checks, and state child abuse and neglect registry checks. The department indicates that expenditures related to the addition of these FTEs would be managed within the Child Care and Development Fund block grant.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. The bill requires the division to perform activities that are currently already being performed in the normal course of agency business. As a result,

this bill does not have an expenditure impact on the division's General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on March 5, 2019

State Expenditure

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The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon responses from the Department of Social Services and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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