

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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S. 1032 Introduced on February 1, 2022 **Bill Number:**

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Subject: Illegal Immigration Enforcement Unit

Senate Judiciary Requestor:

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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill transfers the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Unit from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED). This bill also requires SLED to negotiate the terms of a memorandum of agreement with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This bill will transfer appropriations totaling approximately \$763,200 from DPS to SLED based on figures provided by DPS for the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Unit. Of this amount, \$644,700 is General Funds for 12.0 FTEs, and \$118,500 is Other Funds for operating expenses. Further, SLED anticipates being able to manage the additional responsibilities within the transferred appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on February 1, 2022 State Expenditure

This bill transfers the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Unit from DPS to SLED. This unit is tasked with enforcing immigration laws as authorized pursuant to federal and state laws. The Chief of SLED will direct the unit and determine which agents and personnel are proper to work within the unit. The unit will be funded annually by a specific appropriation to the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Unit in the state general appropriations act and shall be separate from SLED's other appropriations. As soon as possible after the effective date of this act, SLED must negotiate the terms of a memorandum of agreement with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The bill also requires SLED to develop an illegal immigration enforcement training program and to make the program available to all local law enforcement agencies.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. SLED anticipates that the transfer of the unit to the agency will include the transfer of all existing FTEs and appropriations specific to the unit. SLED expects to be able to manage the additional responsibilities created by this bill within the transferred appropriations. As such, there will be no expenditure impact to SLED.

Department of Public Safety. The bill transfers the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Unit from DPS to SLED. DPS anticipates this bill will also transfer the existing FTEs and appropriations associated with the unit. Based on data provided by DPS, annual appropriations of the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Unit that will be transferred to SLED totals approximately \$763,200. Of this amount, approximately \$644,700 is General Funds for 12.0 FTEs, and \$118,500 is Other Funds for operating expenses.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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