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Bill Number: S. 0203 Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject: Public School Drills
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill amends §59-63-910(A), relating to required public school drills, to provide that each semester all public schools, including charter schools whose instruction is not primarily delivered online, must conduct one fire drill, one active shooter/intruder drill, and one severe weather/earthquake drill. Currently, within each school year, schools must conduct at least two fire drills, two active shooter/intruder drills, and two severe weather/earthquake drills, with at least one of each drill conducted each semester.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) since the bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the state agency schools. The agencies indicate that they currently perform the required drills each semester and therefore already satisfy the requirements of the bill.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on local school districts since they already conduct fire drills, active shooter/intruder drills, and severe weather/earthquake drills. Therefore, we anticipate that the districts can adhere to the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill amends §59-63-910(A), relating to required public school drills, so as to provide that each semester all public schools, including charter schools whose instruction is not primarily delivered online, must conduct one fire drill, one active shooter/intruder drill, and one severe weather/earthquake drill. Currently, within each school year, all public schools must conduct at least two fire drills, two active shooter/intruder drills, and two severe weather/earthquake drills, with at least one of each drill conducted at semester.

S.C. Department of Education. RFA anticipates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on SCDE since the bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

State Agency Schools. The Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics, the Governor’s School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, and the School for the Deaf and Blind indicate that they currently perform the required drills each semester and therefore already satisfy the requirements of the bill. Based upon these responses, we do not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. We will update this impact if the agency provides a different response.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill amends §59-63-910(A), relating to required public school drills, to provide that each semester all public schools, including charter schools whose instruction is not primarily delivered online, must conduct one fire drill, one active shooter/intruder drill, and one severe weather/earthquake drill.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on local school districts since they already conduct fire drills, active shooter/intruder drills, and severe weather/earthquake drills. Therefore, we anticipate that the districts can adhere to the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations.

Local Revenue

N/A



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