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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3448 Introduced on January 12, 2017  
**Author:** Funderburk  
**Subject:** S.C. Whistleblower and Public Employee Protection Act  
**Requestor:** House of Representatives  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Jolliff  
**Impact Date:** March 19, 2018

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$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**

This bill is not expected to impact expenditures for state agencies or other public bodies.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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**State Expenditure**

The bill amends the existing statutes related to protections for public employees who report waste or wrongdoing. The bill makes changes to the amount of the reward an employee of a public body may receive for reporting misdeeds to remove the \$2,000 limit and to address the issuance of a reward to multiple employees reporting the same waste. The bill also removes the current one-year limitation on the period in which the public employee is protected from retaliation and provides additional remedies in the case of a civil action.

The Department of Administration is unaware of any reward to an employee for reporting waste pursuant to Section 8-27-20. The changes in the bill are not expected to increase the number of cases significantly, and therefore, the bill is not expected to impact expenditures for state agencies or other public bodies.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure and Local Revenue**

N/A

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