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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4705 Amended by the House of Representatives on February 20, 2018  
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**Subject:** Mandated Reporting  
**Requestor:** Senate General  
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**Impact Date:** March 15, 2018

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
<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 will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds from the addition of clerical or non-clerical religious counselors, school or college administrators, and coaches to the list of mandated reporters who must report abuse or neglect of a child since this will not alter the oversight or regulatory activities of the Department of Social Services.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Amended by the House of Representatives on February 20, 2018**

**State Expenditure**

This bill adds clerical or non-clerical religious counselors, school or college administrators, and coaches to the list of mandated reporters who must report abuse or neglect of a child. Reports of child abuse may be made to the Department of Social Services (DSS) or a law enforcement agency in the county where the child resides. The bill adds also that a mandated reporter required to report child abuse or neglect is not relieved of this duty when the person reports the child abuse to a person in charge of an institution, school, facility, or agency.

DSS indicates that does not alter the oversight and regulatory activities of the department. Specifically, any increase in the number of child abuse or neglect reports can be managed within existing resources and appropriations. DSS has intake hubs that accept reports of abuse and neglect in all 46 counties. In addition, training of mandated reporters is an ongoing administrative process in conjunction with the Children’s Law Center at the University of South

Carolina. As such, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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