



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S.0290  
**Author:** Alexander  
**Subject:** Vulnerable Adult and Senior Citizens Protection Act  
**Requestor:** Senate General  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Kokolis, Fulmer, and Gardner  
**Impact Date:** March 9, 2016

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</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 would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. However, the expenditure impact on the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill defines caregiver, deception, exploitation, human trafficking, neglect, abuse, senior citizen, and vulnerable adult. It allows for investigations into human trafficking by SLED as reported by state agencies, healthcare professionals, and other related parties that interact with vulnerable adults and senior citizens. Section 43-35-85 is amended to increase the penalties for neglect, abuse, and human trafficking.

**Office of the Lieutenant Governor.** The Office of the Lieutenant Governor indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**Department of Mental Health.** The Department of Mental Health indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**Department of Social Services.** Due to the lack of senior citizen human trafficking data, the Department of Social Services is unable to determine the expenditure impact of this bill.

**South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.** SLED was contacted and the expenditure impact on the agency is pending, contingent upon a response.

**Judicial Department.** The Judicial Department indicates 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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