



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0755	Introduced on January 9, 2018
Author:	Peeler	
Subject:	Controlled Substance Take-Back Events	
Requestor:	Senate Medical Affairs	
RFA Analyst(s):	Heineman	
Impact Date:	January 19, 2018	

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	See Below	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have a varied local government expenditure impact depending on the locality. Two counties indicate there would be a cost to complying with this bill, which is detailed in the explanation section below.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 9, 2018

State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill amends the existing code regarding controlled substance take-back events, mail-back programs, and collectors. This subsection would require each sheriff to maintain at least one onsite drop-off box throughout the year that is available to the general public during regular business hours for the purpose of disposing of unwanted controlled substances.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted all forty-six county governments and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. Several counties all indicate that their sheriff's offices and local police already have drop-off boxes for the general public to dispose of unwanted controlled substances. An unwanted medicines information page listed on Department of Health and Environmental Control's

website suggests that additional counties may already have a drop-box accessible to the general public which would meet this bills requirements. In addition, there are some resources to help offset the costs associated with a controlled substance collection program. The National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators periodically offers grants to help fund law enforcements purchase of drop-box containers. Therefore, there would be no expenditure impact to these counties.

In order for Chester County to administer this program they would require an employee to check their drop-box container twice a week, at a rate of \$15 per hour. This would cost the county an additional \$1,560 and includes fringe benefits. In addition, it would cost \$2,800 to purchase a permanent drop-off container. Therefore, the total cost to Chester County would be \$4,360.

Charleston County indicates their Sheriff Offices do not currently have drop-off boxes. Therefore, they would have to hire one FTE to manage the drop-off box at a Sheriff's Office at a cost of \$75,000; which includes fringe benefits.

The MASC indicated that the cost to cities would be nominal and can be managed within existing resources.

Local Revenue

N/A



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