



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
(803)734-3780 • RFA.SC.GOV/IMPACTS

This fiscal impact statement is produced in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws and House and Senate rules. The focus of the analysis is on governmental expenditure and revenue impacts and may not provide a comprehensive summary of the legislation.

Bill Number: H. 3557 Introduced on January 10, 2023
Author: G.M. Smith
Subject: Abandonment of a Child
Requestor: House Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Boggs
Impact Date: March 27, 2023

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill adds a definition to the children’s code for abandoned and changes the definition of abandonment of a child. Additionally, this bill specifies that the Department of Social Services (DSS) must provide consent for adoption when a child is voluntarily left with a safe haven or was otherwise abandoned. Lastly, this bill adds the parents of an infant who was left at a safe haven and the parents of a child who was otherwise abandoned to the list of persons not required to give consent or relinquishment for adoption.

Judicial and DSS report that this bill requires them to perform activities that will be managed with existing staff and appropriations. Therefore, there will be no expenditure impact on Judicial or DSS.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 10, 2023

State Expenditure

This bill adds a definition to the children’s code for abandoned and changes the definition of abandonment of a child. Additionally, this bill specifies that DSS must provide consent for adoption when a child is voluntarily left with a safe haven or was otherwise abandoned. Lastly, this bill adds the parents of an infant who was left at a safe haven and the parents of a child who was otherwise abandoned to the list of persons not required to give consent or relinquishment for adoption.

Judicial and DSS report that this bill requires them to perform activities that will be managed with existing staff and appropriations. Therefore, there will be no expenditure impact on Judicial or DSS.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director