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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0729    Introduced on April 13, 2023  
**Author:** Gambrell  
**Subject:** ROTC Credits  
**Requestor:** Senate Education  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Bryant  
**Impact Date:** February 14, 2024 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill provides that training in a military or naval ROTC program sponsored by one of the military services of the United States in the eighth grade satisfies the physical education requirements for high school graduation.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE). The department indicates that it can manage the provisions of the bill with existing appropriations.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the state agency schools. The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, the School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicate that they can manage the provisions of the bill with existing appropriations.

Local school districts indicated this bill may increase expenses if districts decide to incorporate the ROTC program in the eighth-grade curriculum. Expenses will depend upon the number of students who choose to participate in the program. SCDE surveyed the seventy-three regular school districts and three charter districts regarding the potential expenditure impact of the bill and received responses from twenty-five districts. Twenty-one of the responding districts indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact if the districts are not required to offer the ROTC program to eighth grade students. The remaining four responding districts indicate that if they choose to offer the program, expenses could increase by an amount ranging from \$27,500 to \$720,000 for transportation, hiring additional ROTC instructors, and purchasing instructional materials, uniforms, and equipment.

*This impact statement has been updated to include a response from SCDE.*

## Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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### **State Expenditure**

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### **State Revenue**

N/A

### **Local Expenditure**

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**S.C. Department of Education.** The expenditure impact of this bill on SCDE is pending, contingent upon a response.

**State Agency Schools.** This bill will have no expenditure impact on the state agency schools. The Governor’s School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, the Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics, the School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicate that they can manage the provisions of the bill with existing appropriations.

**State Revenue**

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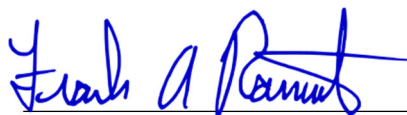
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**Local Revenue**

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