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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S. 1188	Introduced on March 20, 2024
<b>Author:</b>	Tedder	
<b>Subject:</b>	Notification Requirements for Expulsion Hearings	
<b>Requestor:</b>	Senate Education	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Bryant	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	April 4, 2024	

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

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The S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) indicates that this bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the department. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on SCDE.

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 using existing appropriations.

The overall expenditure impact of this bill on local school districts will vary. SCDE surveyed the seventy-three regular school districts and three charter school districts and received responses from twenty-four districts. Nineteen of the responding districts indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact. One district anticipates the need to hire additional staff but reports that the cost is currently undetermined and will depend upon whether the district will be required to perform any new duties in addition to providing a written notice to parents or legal guardians. The four remaining districts indicate that implementing the provisions of the bill will increase expenses by an amount ranging from \$750 to \$50,000 beginning in FY 2024-25 to hire legal counsel for hearings, and to develop and print materials for parents and guardians.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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#### **State Expenditure**

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### **State Revenue**

N/A

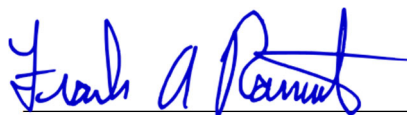
### **Local Expenditure**

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### **Local Revenue**

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