



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0134	Introduced on January 10, 2017
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Subject:	Child Support	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	February 15, 2017	

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
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	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill relates to child support obligations and provides that an offender who is sentenced to ninety or fewer days of imprisonment and is employed at the time of sentencing may serve his sentence at a time when he is not working so that his sentence does not interfere with his employment. Wages earned by an offender during his sentence will be garnished to satisfy child support payments ordered by the court.

Judicial Department. This bill mandates wage garnishment for offenders who are employed at the time of sentencing who continue to maintain employment during their sentences. This bill does not affect the discretion judges currently have in sentencing. The department reports that during FY 2014-15, there were 17 charges for child support offenses but no convictions, while in FY 2015-16 there were 17 charges for violations but no convictions. The department anticipates any additional costs would likely be absorbed in its budget, but if this legislation results in an increased number of cases, it could increase the backlog of cases in the court system.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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