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Bill Number: H. 4659 Introduced on January 14, 2020

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Subject: Counties Required to Publish and Distribute List of Homeless Shelters

Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs

RFA Analyst(s): Williams

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Fiscal Impact Summary

The expenditure impact of this bill on local governments to provide materials on assistance for homeless persons is undetermined due to limited responses received.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 14, 2020 State Expenditure N/A

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill would require that each county publish and distribute a document that identifies locations within the county where a homeless or needy person may go to receive shelter, health care, food, and other humanitarian assistance. Also, it would require that this document be provided to each local law enforcement officer for distribution to homeless and needy persons with whom the officer comes into contact. This document would need to be made available in county offices that are frequently visited by homeless and needy persons, as determined by the county. The cost of publishing and distribution of these documents must be borne by the county.

All forty-six counties and the Municipal Association of South Carolina were surveyed to determine the local expenditure impact of this bill. Our office received responses from Barnwell, Charleston, Lancaster, and Saluda counties. Charleston county stated this bill would require no additional costs, while Lancaster, Saluda, and Barnwell reported that the expenditures would be unknown. Due to the small sample size and varying nature of the responses received from the counties, the expenditure impact on local governments is undetermined.

Local Revenue

N/A

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