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Bill Number:	S. 0131	Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author:	Massey	
Subject:	Capitol Grounds	
Requestor:	Senate Finance	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner, Miller, and Williams	
Impact Date:	January 26, 2021	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill, which clarifies the definition of the State’s capitol grounds and establishes that the Senate and House of Representatives Sergeant at Arms offices are individual law enforcement agencies with specific powers, will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

The Department of Administration indicates this bill does not operationally or fiscally impact the agency. Therefore, 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 defines the State’s capitol grounds as the area inward from the vehicular traveled surfaces of Gervais, Sumter, Pendleton, and Assembly Streets in the City of Columbia, South Carolina. In addition, the bill amends within Title 10 – Public Buildings and Property references to “the capitol building” to “a building on the capitol grounds.” Further, the bill establishes that the sergeants of both the House of Representatives and the Senate are heads of law enforcement agencies and may request temporary assistance from state, local, or federal law enforcement agencies on matters within the scope of duties of their respective offices. These sergeants must employ deputies commissioned as constables, who, like other constables, will have the power to enforce the laws of the State.

Senate. The Senate indicates that its Sergeant at Arms officers currently possess State Constable credentials. While the bill also updates the definition of the capitol grounds and clarifies the legal authority of the House and Senate security officers, it does not fiscally impact the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds of the agency.

House of Representatives. The House of Representatives indicates that its Sergeant at Arms officers currently possess State Constable credentials. While the bill also updates the definition of the capitol grounds and clarifies the legal authority of the House and Senate security officers, it does not fiscally impact the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds of the agency.

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A



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