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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0007
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Subject:	Child Support Obligations
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner, Fulmer, and Wren
Impact Date:	April 28, 2016

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
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	Undetermined	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. Due to the limited number of responses from the surveyed counties, the expenditure impact of this bill on county governments is undetermined. This bill would have no impact on municipal governments.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends Section 63-5-20 to allow a person convicted for failure to provide reasonable support to a spouse or child to serve his sentence at a time that will not interfere with his employment. The offender must be imprisoned for ninety days or less, be employed at the time of sentencing, and maintain employment while serving his sentence. The bill also provides for wage garnishment as a means to satisfy child support payments.

Judicial Department. The agency reports that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Department of Social Services. The agency reports that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds, as its existing child support system can accommodate the wage garnishments contained in the bill.

Department of Corrections. The agency reports that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted all forty-six county governments, the South Carolina Sheriff's Association, and the Municipal Association of South Carolina regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. Clarendon and Florence counties indicate that this bill could cause additional security risks for detention centers through increased introduction of contraband by allowing unusual reporting times for offenders. While both counties indicate that this bill could have an expenditure impact, neither county could place a dollar amount on the potential expenses. Horry County indicates that while this bill would have no expenditure impact on their detention center, changes in the way offenders are sentenced may result in additional expenses. However, Horry County could not place a dollar amount on the potential expenditure impact of this bill either. The Sheriff's Association reports that they surveyed several county sheriffs' and received one response indicating that the bill would have little impact on that locality. Due to the limited number of responses from the surveyed counties, the expenditure impact of this bill on county governments is undetermined. The Municipal Association indicates that this bill would have no expenditure impact on municipal governments.

Local Revenue

N/A



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