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Bill Number:	H. 3242	Introduced on January 12, 2021
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Subject:	National Guard Youth Challenge Academy	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires each public school district to provide the names and addresses of certain students to the South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy, which is administered by the South Carolina National Guard, and to the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School after soliciting specified written consent from the parents of these students. Also, the State Department of Education (SCDE) must review any allegations of noncompliance with the provisions of the bill. A school or district that fails to comply with the provisions of the bill may be subject to a loss of state funding at the discretion of the State Board of Education.

The expenditure impact of this bill on SCDE to review allegations of noncompliance with the provisions of the bill is pending, contingent upon a response.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the local school districts to provide data to certain schools and to solicit written consent from parents and guardians is pending, contingent upon a response.

The overall expenditure impact on the state agency schools is pending, contingent upon a response from the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe and the School for the Deaf and Blind. However, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact since the agencies can adhere to the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations.

The bill allows withholding of state funding for noncompliance of the provisions of the bill. This will have an undetermined revenue impact on the state agency schools and the local school districts as it unknown how many districts will not comply with the provisions of the bill or if the State Board of Education will withhold funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires each public school district to provide the names and addresses of the following students to the South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy, which is administered by the South

Carolina National Guard, and to the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School after soliciting specified written consent from the parents of these students.

- People formerly enrolled as students in the district who, after the effective date of the bill, have left school before graduation, excluding former students who have died or transferred to another school; and
- Students currently enrolled in the district who have formally initiated the process of leaving school before graduation, unless the student is transferring to another school.

Currently, the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School is authorized to contact the attendance supervisors or principals at various high schools or school districts for the purpose of receiving access to the names and addresses of students who are reported as school dropouts.

The bill specifies that the Youth Challenge Academy and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School may only use the student names and addresses for the purpose of providing the students information about their programs. It also requires SCDE to review any allegations by the Youth Challenge Academy and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School that a public school district has failed to comply with the provisions of the bill and must notify the State Board of Education of its findings. Further, a school or district that fails to comply with the provisions of the bill may be subject to a loss of state funding at the discretion of the State Board of Education.

State Department of Education. The expenditure impact of this bill on SCDE is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

State Agency Schools. The Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact since the agencies can adhere to the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations. The expenditure impact of this bill on the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe and the School for the Deaf and Blind is pending, contingent upon a response.

State Revenue

As noted above, a school or district that fails to comply with the provisions of the bill may be subject to a loss of state funding at the discretion of the State Board of Education. The potential amount of state funding that may be withheld from a school district due to noncompliance of the provisions of the bill is undetermined as it unknown how many districts will not comply with the provisions of the bill or the amount that may be withheld.

Local Expenditure

As noted above, this bill requires each public school district to provide the names and addresses of certain students to the South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy, which is administered by the South Carolina National Guard, and to the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, after soliciting specified written consent from the parents of these students.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the regular districts and the charter districts to solicit written consent from certain parents is pending, contingent upon a response.

Local Revenue

The potential amount of state funding that may be withheld from a local school district due to noncompliance of the provisions of the bill is undetermined as it unknown how many districts will not comply with the provisions of the bill.



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