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Bill Number:	H. 3510	Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author:	Hill	
Subject:	Midwife Practice Act	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase expenditures of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) by approximately \$28,666 in FY 2021-22 for expenses related to establishing the South Carolina Board of Midwifery. The bill will also increase revenues of DHEC by approximately \$28,629 in FY 2021-22 from fees collected for the examination of applicants, licensure, renewal of licensure, and inspection of licensed midwives. DHEC expects its expenditures and revenues to offset each other, which is consistent with a similar licensing program in Florida.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 12, 2021

State Expenditure

This bill establishes the South Carolina Board of Midwifery (board) under the administration of DHEC. The board is responsible for licensing midwives, establishing requirements for licensed midwives' continuing education, and promulgating regulations necessary for the inspection of records and for the transference of care from a licensed midwife to a hospital, if the need arises. The board is also responsible for establishing fees for the examination of applicants, licensure, renewal of licensure, and inspection.

Since the bill creates a new board and a new license for the board to issue, there is no data yet to determine the cost of licensing midwives in South Carolina. However, the Florida Department of Health's Council of Licensed Midwifery currently licenses midwives. In FY 2019-20, the Council reported \$119,578 of expenditures. Using Florida's and South Carolina's latest population estimates (July 1, 2019), the South Carolina Board of Midwifery can expect this bill to increase expenditures by approximately \$28,666 in FY 2021-22. However, DHEC expects that these expenditures will be offset by revenues collected from fees paid to the agency.

State Revenue

This bill states that the South Carolina Board of Midwifery is also responsible for establishing fees for the examination of applicants, licensure, renewal of licensure, and inspection. Since the bill establishes a new license, there is no data yet to determine how much the board will collect in application, renewal, licensure, and inspection fees. However, Florida's Council of Licensed Midwifery reported \$119,424 of revenue from midwifery licensing in FY 2019-20. Using

Florida's and South Carolina's latest population estimates (July 1, 2019), the South Carolina Board of Midwifery can expect this bill to increase revenues by approximately \$28,629 in FY 2021-22. However, DHEC expects that these revenues will be offset by expenditures used to implement the licensing program.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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