

# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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H. 4325 Introduced on May 4, 2021 **Bill Number:** 

Author: Long

Subject: Critical Race Theory Instruction Prohibition

House Education and Public Works Requestor:

RFA Analyst(s): Wren and Tipton Impact Date: January 25, 2022

### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill prohibits public school districts, public schools, and public institutions of higher learning from introducing a course of instruction or unit of study that directs or compels students to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to the tenets of critical race theory.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the State Department of Education (SCDE), the Commission on Higher Education (CHE), and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education to implement any changes in policies or instruction is pending, contingent upon a response.

The overall expenditure impact of this bill 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. The bill will have no expenditure impact on the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, or the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School since the agencies currently adhere to the provisions of the bill.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the local school districts is pending, contingent upon a response.

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

## Introduced on May 4, 2021 **State Expenditure**

This bill prohibits public school districts, public schools, and public institutions of higher learning from introducing a course of instruction or unit of study that directs or compels students to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to the tenets of critical race theory.

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

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 this bill will have no expenditure since the agencies currently adhere to the provisions of the bill.

The expenditure impact 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 from the agencies.

**Commission on Higher Education.** The expenditure impact of this bill on CHE is pending, contingent upon a response.

**State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.** The expenditure impact of this bill on the State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education is pending, contingent upon a response.

#### **State Revenue**

N/A

#### **Local Expenditure**

As noted above, this bill prohibits public school districts, public schools, and public institutions of higher learning from introducing a course of instruction or unit of study that directs or compels students to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to the tenets of critical race theory.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the regular school districts and the charter districts is pending, contingent upon a response.

#### **Local Revenue**

N/A

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