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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 4601	Introduced on January 11, 2022
Author:	W. Cox	
Subject:	Local Government	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith	
Impact Date:	April 12, 2022	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the governing body of each county to ensure that at least one licensed ambulance service is available within the county. The service may be provided by the county directly, by a license or franchise to a private company, by a contract with another entity, by an intergovernmental agreement with one or more local governments, or by an agreement with a health care facility. Each local governing body may adopt and enforce reasonable regulations to control a private or nonprofit ambulance service.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted all county governments and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) regarding the fiscal impact of this bill and received two responses. Due to the limited number of responses from the surveyed counties and the permissive nature regarding implementation of the bill, our office is not able to determine the expenditure impact of this bill on county governments. However, there may be an expenditure impact on counties that do not currently provide ambulance services.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

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RFA contacted all county governments and the MASC regarding the fiscal impact of this bill and received two responses. Both Charleston and Clarendon Counties currently provide ambulance services within the counties. In addition, Clarendon County reports that agreements are in place to provide these services within the boundaries of each of its four municipalities. Due to the limited number of responses from the surveyed counties and the permissive nature regarding the implementation of the bill, our office is not able to determine the expenditure impact of this bill on county governments. However, there may be an expenditure impact on counties that do not currently provide ambulance services.

Local Revenue

N/A



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