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Bill Number: S. 0602 Introduced on March 7, 2023
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Subject: DDSN
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill repeals Chapter 20, Title 44, and re-establishes the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) as a cabinet agency under Chapter 20, Title 43. This bill also eliminates the Commission on Disability and Special Needs as the governing body of DDSN. Further, the bill prospectively restructures county departments of disabilities and special needs after December 31, 2023.

We anticipate that this bill may have an impact due to the change in organization and responsibilities of DDSN and the Governor's Office. However, DDSN and the Governor's Office are continuing to analyze the impact this bill will have on state expenditures. Therefore, this fiscal impact statement is pending, contingent upon responses from these agencies.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) reports that responsibility for autism services was transferred from DMH to DDSN previously. This bill codifies this prior transfer of responsibility. Therefore, the bill will not impact expenditures for DMH.

This bill may impact the counties' departments of disabilities and special needs due to the organizational changes. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted all counties to determine the potential local expenditure impact. RFA received a response from the counties of Dorchester and Aiken. Both counties anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact. However, based on the limited number of responses, the local expenditure impact is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill re-establishes DDSN as a cabinet agency under Chapter 20, Title 43. This bill also eliminates the Commission on Disability and Special Needs as the governing body of DDSN. Further, this bill repeals Chapter 20, Title 44, which is the current chapter relating to DDSN.

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill may impact the counties' departments of disabilities and special needs. The bill prospectively restructures county departments of disabilities and special needs after December 31, 2023. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted all counties to determine the potential local expenditure impact. RFA received a response from the counties of Dorchester and Aiken. Both counties anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact. However, based on the limited number of responses, the local expenditure impact is undetermined.

Local Revenue

N/A



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