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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0946 Amended by House Education and Public Works on April 25, 2024  
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**Subject:** Child Care Regulations  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This amended bill reduces the members of the State Advisory Committee on the Regulation of Childcare Facilities from seventeen to fifteen and states that thirteen of the fifteen members are to be appointed by the Governor, while the other two will serve ex officio. The two ex officio, non-voting members are to consist of the Executive Director of the Office of South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness or designee and the State Child Advocate of the Department of Children's Advocacy (DCA) or designee.

Further, it decreases the number of members appointed that must be parents of children who are receiving childcare services at the time of appointment from five to three. It also decreases the number of members appointed that must be representative of owners and operators of childcare facilities from eight to six. Additionally, this bill transfers secretarial and administrative duties associated with the State Advisory Committee on the Regulation of Childcare Facilities from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to DCA.

DCA anticipates the responsibilities outlined in this bill will increase expenses by \$142,502 in FY 2024-25 and \$138,502 each year thereafter. These expenses include \$129,286 for salary and fringe for 2.0 FTEs, a Director of Planning and Research to support the ex officio membership of the State Child Advocate on the committee through research, data compilation, and gap analysis with a salary of \$66,892 and fringe benefits of \$10,034 and a Program Coordinator II to provide secretarial and administrative support to the committee with a salary of \$45,530 and fringe benefits of \$6,830. Additionally, \$9,216 is a recurring expense for miscellaneous cell phones, renting office space, travel, and training. Further, the agency anticipates a non-recurring General Fund cost of \$4,000 for office equipment. The agency anticipates requesting a General Fund appropriation to cover the increase in expenses due to this bill.

The fiscal impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from DSS.

## Explanation of Fiscal Impact

### Amended by House Education and Public Works on April 25, 2024

#### State Expenditure

This amended bill reduces the members of the State Advisory Committee on the Regulation of Childcare Facilities from seventeen to fifteen and states that thirteen of the fifteen members are to be appointed by the Governor, while the other two will serve ex officio. The two ex officio, non-voting members are to consist of the Executive Director of the Office of South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness or designee and the State Child Advocate of DCA or designee.

Further, it decreases the number of members appointed that must be parents of children who are receiving childcare services at the time of appointment from five to three. It also decreases the number of members appointed that must be representative of owners and operators of childcare facilities from eight to six. Additionally, this bill transfers secretarial and administrative duties associated with the State Advisory Committee on the Regulation of Childcare Facilities from DSS to DCA.

**Department of Children's Advocacy.** The bill requires DCA to provide secretarial and administrative support to the State Advisory Committee on the Regulation of Childcare Facilities, and the State Child Advocate, or designee, would be added as an ex officio, non-voting member of the committee. DCA anticipates this would require the agency to hire 2.0 additional FTEs, a Director of Planning and Research to support the ex officio membership of the State Child Advocate on the committee through research, data compilation, and gap analysis with a salary of \$66,892 and fringe of \$10,034 and a Program Coordinator II to provide secretarial and administrative support to the committee with a salary of \$45,530 and fringe of \$6,830. Additionally, the agency anticipates expenses totaling \$9,216 for miscellaneous cell phones, renting office space, travel, and training and a non-recurring General Fund expense of \$4,000 for office equipment. Therefore, DCA anticipates the responsibilities outlined in this bill will increase expenses by \$142,502 in FY 2024-25 and \$138,502 each year thereafter. The agency anticipates requesting a General Fund appropriation to cover this increase in expenses.

**Department of Social Services.** The fiscal impact of this bill on DSS is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

#### State Revenue

N/A

#### Local Expenditure

N/A

#### Local Revenue

N/A

**Introduced on January 10, 2024**

**State Expenditure**

This bill decreases the number of members on the State Advisory Committee on the Regulation of Childcare Facilities from seventeen to fifteen. Further, it decreases the number of members appointed that must be parents of children who are receiving childcare services at the time of appointment from five to four. It also decreases the number of members appointed that must be representative of owners and operators of childcare facilities from eight to seven. Additionally, this bill decreases the number of members who must be present to make a majority vote on a committee action from eight to six.

DSS is responsible for providing reasonable secretarial and administrative support to the advisory committee. Decreasing the number of committee members does not change these duties. Additionally, there is no per diem associated with the advisory committee. Therefore, this bill has no fiscal impact on DSS.

**State Revenue**

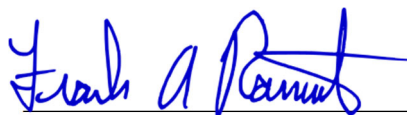
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**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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