



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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**Bill Number:** H. 3654 Introduced on January 14, 2025  
**Subject:** Child Welfare  
**Requestor:** House Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Boggs  
**Impact Date:** February 14, 2025

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill states that the Department of Social Services (DSS) is authorized to grant access to case records to the Guardian ad Litem Division of the Department of Children's Advocacy (DCA) and the county Guardian ad Litem staff. Additionally, this bill allows the appointed guardian ad litem to share reports and information with the county's Guardian ad Litem Program staff, the Guardian ad Litem Division, and the State Child Advocate. Further, this bill updates references to DCA to align with current agency practices. This bill also allows the Continuum of Care Division of DCA to submit its annual report in combination with DCA's annual report.

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### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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##### State Revenue

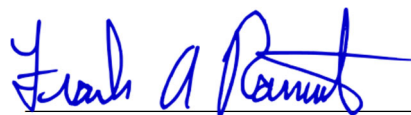
N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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