



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 4337	Introduced on April 9, 2025
Subject:	Subpoena Powers	
Requestor:	House Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	April 14, 2025	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill grants subpoena powers to the Legislative Audit Council (LAC) in auditing state agencies, authorizes the LAC to apply to the circuit court for orders to hold individuals in contempt of court for failure or refusal to provide requested documentation, and specifies that state agencies must provide readily available records upon request. A person failing to comply with these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year.

Judicial and the LAC report this bill will have no expenditure impact because the agencies will administer policies resulting from the bill with the use of existing staff and resources.

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue due to the potential increase in fines collected by the court.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Revenue

This bill may result in an increase in the amount of fines collected by the court. Court fines are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined increase to the General Fund and Other Funds revenue due to the increase in fine collections by the court.

Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue

N/A



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