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Bill Number:	H. 3465	Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author:	Gilliam	
Subject:	Professional Certificate Issued by S.C. Department of Education	
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
RFA Analyst(s):	Wren	
Impact Date:	January 19, 2021	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows a person who holds a professional certification issued by SDE for twenty or more years and who teaches in this State for twenty or more years to renew the certificate annually by participating in required district professional development without having to satisfy any additional renewal requirements.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the State Department of Education (SDE) in FY 2021-22 since it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the state agency schools since we anticipate that any expenses associated with the bill can be managed within current appropriations in FY 2021-22.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on local school districts in FY 2021-22. Since the bill does not require districts to offer any additional professional development beyond the existing programs, we do not anticipate that this bill will increase expenses of local school districts. SDE surveyed the seventy-nine local school districts and the two charter districts and received responses from nineteen districts. Seventeen of the responding districts indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact. Two districts indicate that they intend to expend additional funds to expand current professional development programs, although this is not required.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill allows a person who holds a professional certification issued by SDE for twenty or more years and who teaches in this State for twenty or more years to renew the certificate annually by participating in required district professional development without having to satisfy any additional renewal requirements. The provisions of this bill apply notwithstanding to the provisions of the Certificate Renewal Plan developed by the Office of Teacher Certification or any other provision of law.

State Department of Education. SDE indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency in FY 2021-22 since it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

State Agency Schools. The Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities indicates that the school currently funds professional development and any additional expenses associated with this bill could be managed within current appropriations. The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicates that any expenses associated with this bill can be managed within current appropriations. Based upon these responses, we anticipate that any expenses for the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, and the School for the Deaf and Blind could also be managed within current appropriations. Therefore, this bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the state agency schools in FY 2021-22.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue

N/A



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