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**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3257	Introduced on January 8, 2019
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<b>Subject:</b>	Health Education Act	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Education and Public Works	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Wren	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	February 12, 2019	Updated for Additional Agency Response

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will increase General Fund expenses of the State Department of Education (SDE) by a range of \$16,000 to \$20,000 in FY 2019-20 to employ a team of experts to develop mental health and wellness instructional units for seventh and ninth grades.

The local expenditure impact on school districts beginning in FY 2020-21 is undetermined since some districts will be able to incorporate a mental health and wellness unit into their existing curriculum, while other districts will incur expenses to hire additional FTEs and to train existing staff to provide the necessary instruction. These expenses vary across districts.

This impact statement has been updated to include a response from SDE.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Updated for Additional Agency Response Introduced on January 8, 2019**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill requires SDE to select or develop instructional units in mental health and wellness, with separate units appropriate for seventh grade students and ninth grade students, before September 1, 2020. Additionally, beginning with the 2020-21 school year, each seventh grade student must be offered one unit of instruction in mental health and wellness. Further, each ninth grade student must successfully complete a one-unit course of study in mental health and wellness.

SDE indicates that this bill will increase General Fund expenses by a range of \$16,000 to \$20,000 in FY 2019-20 to employ a team of experts to develop mental health and wellness instructional units for seventh and ninth grades. The expense per instructional unit ranges from \$8,000 to \$10,000. This section of the impact statement has been updated to include a response from SDE.

##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, each seventh grade student must be offered one unit of instruction in mental health and wellness. Further, each ninth grade student must successfully complete a one-unit course of study in mental health and wellness.

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**Local Revenue**

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The expenditure impact of this bill on SDE is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

**State Revenue**

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**Local Revenue**

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