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Bill Number:	S. 0697	Amended by the Senate on April 5, 2022
Author:	Verdin	
Subject:	Coroner, Jurisdiction Over Body Subject to Anatomical Gift	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith	
Impact Date:	April 19, 2022	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires an organ procurement organization to have on record a teleconference meeting with the coroner, organ procurement organization, and the forensic pathologist for the purpose of demonstrating collaborative review of any potential decline of an anatomical gift. Based on responses from four counties, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) estimates that the bill could increase expenses of county governments by an amount up to \$284,000 if all counties need to contract with a forensic pathologist to implement the provisions of the bill.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill requires an organ procurement organization to have on record a teleconference meeting with the coroner, organ procurement organization, and the forensic pathologist for the purpose of demonstrating collaborative review of any potential decline of an anatomical gift. RFA contacted all counties and county coroners to determine the fiscal impact of the bill. Anderson and Oconee County coroners do not anticipate a fiscal impact from the bill. Both Charleston and York Counties report that they will have to contract with forensic pathologists for the teleconferences at an hourly rate. York County further specifies that a forensic pathologist could charge \$350 to \$500 for each case involving an anatomical gift. According to organ donor statistics from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration, there were 505 deceased organ donors in South Carolina in 2020. Additionally, the number of deceased organ donors in the state has been increasing at a growth rate of approximately 4 percent since 2016. If all counties in the state will have to contract with a forensic pathologist, this bill could result in county government expenditures of up to \$284,000 across the state.

Local Revenue

N/A

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