

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Research
733-4910

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Approved By: Tom L. Covington		H 319	Senator Marvin Ward
Short Title:			Sponsor:

TYPE OF FISCAL IMPACT	COUNTY		FUNDS AFFECTED:		
	State Gov't	Local Gov't	(x) General	() Highway	() Other: Local
No Fiscal Impact	()	()			
Increase Expenditure	(x)	()			
Decrease Expenditure	()	()			
Increase Revenue	()	()			
Decrease Revenue	()	()			
No Estimate Avail.	()	()			

Description of Legislation

1. Summary of Legislation

The proposed committee substitute for SB 245 would establish a nursing pool licensure act to be administered by the Department of Human Resources. A fiscal note on its original companion bill H 319, dated March 3, 1989 is available. The proposed committee substitute has been changed to:

- (a) Delete the Home Care Licensure Act requirement.
- (b) Avoid duplicate licensure of nursing pools.
- (c) Change the effective date from October 1, 1989 to April 1, 1990.

2. Effective Date - April 1, 1990

3. Fund or Tax Affected - General Fund

4. Principal Department/Program Affected - Department of Human Resources/Licensure

Section

Cost or Revenue Impact on State

	FY	FY	FY
	89-90	90-91	
1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues	3,000	-0-	
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues	9,706	45,445	
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions			

Cost/Revenue Impact on County or Local Government

	FY	FY	FY
	88-89	89-90	
1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues			
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues			
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions			

Sources of Data for Fiscal Note

Department of Human Resources, Association for Home Care, Nursefinders, Board of Nursing

Technical Considerations/Comments

Since there is currently no legislation which impacts on nursing pools, the actual number of nursing pools is not available. Nursing pools as defined by the proposed legislation includes persons, firms, corporations, partnerships, or associations engaged for hire in the business of providing temporary employment in health care facilities for nurses. In North Carolina there are primarily two types of nursing pools. One type is usually a person or a group of persons that provide nursing pool services only. The other type is a certified health care agency whose services includes nursing pool services. The Department of Human Resources' various boards, associations and nursing service programs do not know the exact number of nursing pools that would be impacted by SB 245. However, all generally agree that between 100 - 150 existing agencies or organizations providing nursing pool services would be affected by this bill.

A factor to consider in determining any costs of implementing proposed committee substitute for SB 245, is the level of rules that may be adopted by the N. C. Medical

Care Commission, as required. If the rules that are adopted require a review of medical records and/or actual patient review, the amount of survey time will increase greatly and consequently so will the number of staff required. If, however, the rules basically require a minimal paper survey, then it is conceivable that a minimal number of staff positions will be needed.

Due to the uncertainties associated with the implementation of proposed committee substitute for SB 245, staff is recommending that only one position be considered to implement the Act. Once the program is in place, and rules have been established it will be much easier to determine out year costs, if any.

	1989-90*	1990-91
Personnel Services		
1 Survey Consultant (includes Social Security and required benefits)	\$ 8,906.25	\$35,625
Non-Personnel		
Office supplies, travel, office space, telephone	3,800	9,820
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Total	\$12,706.25	\$45,445

* April 1, 1990 - June 30, 1990



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