

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1099 CS 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
SHORT TITLE: Kindergarten Entry/Gifted Students
SPONSOR(S): Committee Substitute

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes (x) No ( ) No Estimate Available (x)

FY 1997-98 FY 1998-99 FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

See Assumptions and methodology; numbers of 4-yr. old

children that may be admitted cannot be estimated reliably, until State Board acts

POSITIONS:

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Ratification

BILL SUMMARY: Amends GS 115C-364 to provide that a child who is four years of age on or before April 16 of a school year may be admitted to public school, if enrolled during the first month of school year and principal finds (under guidelines adopted by State Board of Education) that child is gifted and has maturity to justify admission. 1

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

A child could be admitted to kindergarten at age four under the language of this bill. Currently the age of admission is five years of age, if the child becomes five years of age on or before October 16.

Cost of each additional child added to the kindergarten average daily membership is approximately \$3,300.

Until the State Board of Education adopts guidelines for admission of four year old gifted students, no cost projection can be made of the number of students that might be granted early admission to kindergarten.

1 Institute of Government summary and General Research Division of North Carolina General Assembly.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** none  
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