

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 1333, Proposed Committee Substitute  
**SHORT TITLE:** Post Rules on Internet  
**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Morris et. al.

	<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>				
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 1998-99</u></b>	<b><u>FY 1999-00</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2000-01</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2001-02</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2002-03</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>Recurring</b>	<b>\$ 44,600</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>
<b>Non-recurring</b>	<b>302,045</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$346,645</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>
<b>POSITIONS: No new positions</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; Office of Administrative Hearings</b>					
<b>PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> January 1, 1999					

**BILL SUMMARY:**

The proposed act authorizes the Office of Administrative Hearings to publish the North Carolina Register and the North Carolina Administrative Code on the internet.

General Statute 150B-21.17, requires the director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, who is the Codifier of Rules, to publish the North Carolina Register and the North Carolina Code. The Register is published twice a month and contains the temporary rules approved by the Rules Review Commission. State agencies give public notice in the Register of proposed new rules, amendments to existing rules, and the proposed repeal of existing rules. Other types of public notifications, given in the Register, are petitions for municipal incorporation, final decisions of the U. S. Attorney General on changes affecting the Voting Rights Act of 1965, orders of the Tax Review Board and executive orders of the Governor. All permanent rules are published in the North Carolina Code and this publications is up-dated monthly.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

This act provides for an appropriation from the General Fund to the Office of Administrative Hearings, for the publication of the North Carolina Register and the North Carolina Code on the internet, the sum of \$346,645 for the fiscal year 1998-99. \$302,045 of the cost is for the design of a sustainable system that can convert the existing document based system to a searchable electronic data base system that can be crossed referenced by all users. The \$44,600, in recurring cost, is for program management to be provided by SIPS, a continued up-date of computer hardware and software to maintain systems interface, and for web space rental.

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