NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 249 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Bond Payment Change

SPONSOR(S): Senators Carpenter, Kerr, Hartsell, Cochrane, Conder, Garwood, and

Warren

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

<u>FY 1997-98</u> <u>FY 1998-99</u> <u>FY 1999-00</u> <u>FY 2000-01</u> <u>FY 2001-02</u>

REVENUES

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: State Treasurer / Local Government Commission

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 3 of the act becomes effective October 1, 1997 and the remainder is effective upon ratification.

BILL SUMMARY: The bill makes several clarifying and technical changes to local revenue bonds and special obligation bonds. The bill adds new conditions for approval of revenue bonds.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: This bill was reviewed by and with Bob High in the State Treasurer's Office. The bill will have no impact on State revenues. According to Mr. High, the changes should increase the confidence level of the investment community in the ability of local governments to repay their debt and thus influence them to offer slightly lower bond interest rates. Small savings may be earned by those local governments entering the bond market after the enactment of this bill.

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