

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 163 (Proposed Committee Substitute)

SHORT TITLE: 1999 Studies

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Culpepper

FISCAL IMPACT

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

FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02 FY 2002-03 FY 2003-04

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES (See Assumptions and Methodology)

POSITIONS:

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: North Carolina General Assembly, North Carolina Utility Commission and Public Staff Fund, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1999 unless otherwise specified in the act.

BILL SUMMARY: Authorizes various issues to be studied by the Legislative Research Commission.

Creates four new independent study commissions: North Carolina Tax Policy Commission, State Tort Liability and Immunity Study Commission, the Election Laws Revision Commission, and the Children with Special Needs Study Commission. These commissions expire upon filing their final report to the 2001 General Assembly.

Directs the following agencies and existing oversight commissions to study various issues:

- Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
- Environmental Review Commission
- Mental Health Study Commission
- Study Commission on Aging
- Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
- Joint Legislative Seafood and Aquaculture Study Commission

General Statutes Commission
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Authorizes continued funding, through the end of the 1999-2000 fiscal year, for the Future of Electric Service Study Commission from funds of the Utilities Commission and Public Staff Fund.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The Legislative Research Commission's costs to the General Assembly are dependent upon the number of studies authorized and the number of meetings held by each study commission.

Sufficient funds are in the General Assembly's budget for both the four independent study commissions and the Legislative Research Commissions that are ultimately authorized.

The General Assembly's budget for FY1999-2000 and FY2000-2001 contains funds for the Joint Legislative Seafood and Aquaculture Study Commission; the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee; and Environmental Review Commission.

The North Carolina Utility Commission and Public Staff Fund contains sufficient funds to support the operation of the Future of Electric Service Study Commission.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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