

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 1222

**SHORT TITLE:** State Judicial Council / Funds

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Phil Baddour Jr.

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes ( )</b>	<b>No (X)</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</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><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>Could be absorbed within existing Judicial Department Resources</u></b>				
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> Judicial Department					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> January 1, 2000					

**BILL SUMMARY:**

**H 1222. STATE JUDICIAL COUNCIL/FUNDS (=S 1024).** *TO IMPROVE THE STATE COURT SYSTEM BY CREATING A STATE JUDICIAL COUNCIL AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL.* Identical to S 1024, introduced 4/15/99.

May 26, 1999

**H 1222. STATE JUDICIAL COUNCIL/FUNDS.** Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Reduces State Judicial Council membership from 19 to 17, by adding one magistrate appointed by the NC Magistrates' Ass'n and by reducing from 6 to 3 the number of nonattorney members, one each appointed by the Governor, by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Speaker, and by the General Assembly on recommendation of the President Pro Tempore. Removes prohibition against member of General Assembly serving on Council. Deletes following duties given to Council in previous version: (1) reviewing whether vacant judgeship is still needed and, if not, whether it should be transferred to another district or be abolished; (2) studying the judicial system in light of recommendations by the Futures Comm'n; (3) if asked by the Governor, nonattorney member constituting a nominating panel for vacancies on the appellate courts; (4) monitoring caseloads in the appellate courts.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** Judicial Department

The Fiscal Research Division believes the fiscal impact of this legislation would be minor. The impact of the bill specifically relates to covering travel, subsistence, and operating costs associated with meetings of the State Judicial Council. Based on information provided by

the AOC that assumes 7 meetings per year, it is anticipated that annual costs for the Council would total approximately \$12,810. The Fiscal Research Division believes these costs could be absorbed with existing Judicial Department appropriations and would not require additional resources.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** none

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