

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 409 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Charter Schools/Law Changes

SPONSOR(S): Senator Gulley

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>
REVENUES	(\$1,512)	(\$1,512)	(\$1,512)	(\$1,512)	(\$1,512)
EXPENDITURES					
POSITIONS:					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Highway Fund				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	July 1, 2001				

BILL SUMMARY: TO ALLOW CHARTER SCHOOLS TO OBTAIN THE SAME PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES AS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO ENSURE THAT CHARTER SCHOOLS RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE FUNDS ACCRUING TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT FROM PENALTIES, FINES, AND FORFEITURES. Adds new GS 20-84(b)(17), allowing a nonprofit corporation authorized to operate a charter school to obtain permanent plates for motor vehicles owned by the corporation and operated exclusively by that charter school. Rewrites GS 115C-238.29H(b), to require local school administrative units to transfer to charter schools attended by students who reside in the administrative unit, an amount for each such student equal to the per pupil revenue from penalties, fines and forfeitures accruing to the local school administrative unit. Effective July 1, 2001.

Source: Bill Digest 3/12/01

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The Department of Public Instruction Reports that charter schools operate approximately 108 vehicles. Assuming these vehicles are private passenger vehicles of not more than fifteen passengers, they are currently paying \$20 per year for registration plates. The fee for permanent plates is \$6. The difference of \$14 per year multiplied by 108 vehicles would be a revenue loss to the Highway Fund of \$1,512 per year. No estimate is available of the likely growth in the number of these vehicles.

Section 2 of the bill requires local school administrative units to transfer, to charter schools with students that reside within their school boundaries, an equitable amount of the revenue received from penalties, fines, and forfeitures. Currently, most school systems do not define fines and forfeitures as current expense appropriations and, therefore, are not including these amounts when distributing the local dollars per average daily membership (ADM) to charter schools. This change has no fiscal impact on State funding.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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