

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 444 (Third Edition)

SHORT TITLE: School Info/Meningitis and Flu.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Hagan

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No (X)	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>
REVENUES:	N/A				
EXPENDITURES:	N/A				
POSITIONS:	N/A				
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Division of Public Health (DPH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); Department of Public Instruction (DPI); Division of Nonpublic Education (DNE), Department of Administration (DOA); Local School Administrative Units (LEAs); Local Boards of Education (local boards); charter schools, private church schools, schools of religious charter, other nonpublic schools, including home schools.					
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004.					

BILL SUMMARY:

The bill amends various provisions in Chapter 115C of the General Statutes to require that local boards of education, the Department of Public Instruction, and the Division of Nonpublic Education ensure that parents and guardians of children enrolled in public schools, charter schools, nonpublic schools, and home schools are provided with information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and available vaccines at the beginning of each school year. The bill requires that Division of Public Health make sample education materials available. The Division may do so electronically.

Source: Bill Digest S.B. 444

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Section seven of the bill requires that the Division of Public Health (DPH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provide sample materials to local boards of education (local boards), the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), and the Division of Nonpublic Education (DNE). Section seven also allows that DPH may provide these materials electronically. The majority of the information to be included in the materials is readily available on the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. If DPH does not already have such materials prepared, agency personnel should be able to prepare and provide these materials electronically at no additional cost to the agency.

Section three of the bill requires DPI to ensure that charter schools provide parents and guardians with information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and available vaccines at the beginning of each school year. DPI will be able to provide the information electronically to each charter school, which in turn will need to provide, at most, one additional piece of paper to each student’s family. This requirement should pose a negligible, if any, additional cost on each charter school.

Sections four, five, and six of the bill require, respectively, that DNE provide materials to private church schools and schools of religious charter, other non-public schools, and home schools, so that these schools may in turn provide the information to parents. DNE may provide the information electronically or on the DNE web page. This posting or transmission of information will impose no additional cost on DNE. Requiring each of the schools to provide, at most, one sheet of paper to the families of enrolled children should, as above, pose a negligible, if any, additional cost on the schools.

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