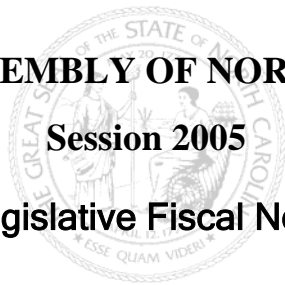


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BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 688 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Indigent Defense of Parents During Appeals.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Kerr

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No ()	No Estimate Available (x)		
	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>
REVENUES:					
EXPENDITURES:					
POSITIONS (cumulative):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Office of Indigent Defense Services					
EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005					

BILL SUMMARY:

This bill would require lawyers who represent indigent parents in Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases, or in cases alleging that their children are abused, neglected, or dependent, must also represent the parents on any appeals from these cases.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The Office of Indigent Defense Services cannot provide any data on the costs of this bill. It would be expected that the cost of appeal would be lower, since the lawyer would have already performed any necessary investigations for the case. However, the Office expects that more lawyers would stop taking these cases if they were required to see the cases through appeals, rather than simply handling them in District Court.

SOURCES OF DATA: Office of Indigent Defense Services

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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