

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**Session 2013**

**Legislative Fiscal Note**

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 687 (Second Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Involuntary Commitment Custody Orders.

**SPONSOR(S):** Senators Parmon and Brunstetter

**FISCAL IMPACT**

(\$ in millions)

Yes       No       No Estimate Available

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
<b>State Impact</b>					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:**

Administrative Office of the Courts, Department of Health and Human Services

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2013

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**FISCAL SUMMARY:**

The Fiscal Research Division does not anticipate any fiscal impact to State from this bill.

**BILL SUMMARY:**

Section 1 of this bill amends existing G.S. 122C-261(d) to divide it into subdivisions and create new subdivision (5) to allow a clerk or magistrate to issue involuntary commitment custody orders via facsimile to a petitioning physician or eligible psychologist at a 24-hour facility where the respondent is physically present and when other criteria have been met. Provisions regarding the manner in which the respondent is taken into custody and the responsibilities of the physician or eligible psychologist in regards to the handling of the original custody order are listed in new subdivision (5).

Section 2 amends existing G.S. 122C-261(e) to provide an exception for subsection (d) of the section.

This bill has an effective date of October 1, 2013.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

The changes included in this bill are not anticipated to have a measurable impact on the court system. The Administrative Office of the Courts assumes that the clerk or magistrate will opt to use the facsimile transmission option when it is conveniently available. The Department of Health and Human Services determined that there is minimal fiscal impact and that any costs could be accommodated within the existing budget.

**SOURCES OF DATA:**

Administrative Office of the Courts, Department of Health and Human Services

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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