GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 957 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Clerk of Court/Minimum No. of Employees

SPONSOR(S): Representatives J. Harrell, Spear, and Mobley

FISCAL IMPACT						
	Yes (X)	No()	No Estimate Available ()			
	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	
EXPENDITURES						
Judicial	\$316,416	\$299,840	\$299,840	\$299,840	\$299,840	
Recurring Nonrecurring	\$298,792 \$17,624	\$299,840	\$299,840	\$299,840	\$299,840	
POSITIONS (cumulative):	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Judicial Department.						
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007.						

BILL SUMMARY: H.B. 957 amends G.S. 7A-102 to require that every clerk's office have a minimum of five employees, in addition to the clerk (6 total). Effective July 1, 2007. *Source: Bill Digest H.B.* 957 (03/21/0200)

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

H.B. 957 would provide, in every county, a minimum of 5 deputy/assistant clerks in addition to the elected Clerk of Court – a total of six full-time employees in every county. Currently, there are eight clerk's offices (counties) with less than 6 FTE's: Alleghany (5); Camden (5.75); Clay (4.75); Gates (4.75); Graham (5); Hyde (5); Pamlico (5); and Tyrrell (5). Thus, eight new deputy clerk positions would need to be created.

	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09
Deputy Clerk		
Positions	8.0	8.0
Recurring	\$298,792	\$299,840
Nonrecurring	\$17,624	N/A
Total Positions Cost:	\$316.416	\$299.840

SOURCES OF DATA: Judicial Department.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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