

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Research  
733-4910

Prepared By: Gregory Berns	Date Prepared: May 15, 1989	Bill No. HB 752	Edition: 2
Approved By: TOMC	MAY 15, 1989		Rep. Harry Payne, Jr.
Short Title: DWI Modifications			Sponsor: Requested by: Rep. Ann Duncan

TYPE OF FISCAL IMPACT	COUNTY/		FUNDS AFFECTED:		
	State Gov't	Local Gov't	( ) General	( ) Highway	( ) Other: Local
No Fiscal Impact	(x)	(x)			
Increase Expenditure	( )	( )			
Decrease Expenditure	( )	( )			
Increase Revenue	( )	( )			
Decrease Revenue	( )	( )			
No Estimate Avail.	( )	( )			

Description of Legislation

- Summary of Legislation - HB 752, Section (4)  
Requires any person convicted of impaired driving who is not placed on probation to obtain a substance abuse assessment by the local area mental health authority, its designated agency or private facility licensed for the treatment of alcoholism and substance abuse.
- Effective Date- January 1, 1990
- Fund or Tax Affected - None
- Principal Department/Program Affected - Department of Human Resources, Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Cost or Revenue Impact on State

FY	FY	FY
88-89	89-90	

1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues

None

2. Recurring Costs/Revenues

3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions

Cost/Revenue Impact on County or Local Government

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Sources of Data for Fiscal Note  
Division of MH/MR/SAS

Technical Considerations/Comments

The bill requires that the defendant pay a \$50 fee to the assessing agency for the substance abuse assessment. This is the fee which has been assessed by the 10 pilot counties participating in the program to date. After analyzing the experience of these counties and other data, the Department has determined that the \$50 fee is sufficient at the current time to cover the costs incurred by the mental health agencies conducting the assessments. Expanding the number of defendants subject to this assessment should not affect the program's ability to be self-supporting.



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