

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 1091

SHORT TITLE: Statewide Sup. Ct. Mediation

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Baddour, Nesbitt, Hackney; and Gardner

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase () Decrease ()
 Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()
 No Impact (X)
 No Estimate Available ()

FUND AFFECTED: General Fund () Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
 Other Fund ()

BILL SUMMARY: Amends G.S. 7A-38(c) to provide that pilot programs for mediated settlement conferences in superior court may be implemented in four more districts in fiscal year 1993-94 and another four in 1994-95 if AOC director and senior resident judge agree.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1993.

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Judicial Department

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u> 93-94	<u>FY</u> 94-95	<u>FY</u> 95-96	<u>FY</u> 96-97	<u>FY</u> 97-98
EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	0	0
NON-RECURRING					
REVENUES/RECEIPTS	0	0	0	0	0
RECURRING					
NON-RECURRING					

POSITIONS: No new positions.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: It is not anticipated that the proposed legislation would have a fiscal impact on the Judicial Branch or more specifically, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Jim Drennan, Director of the AOC, notes that some individuals may contribute a nominal amount of time in setting-up the program, however, most expenses are met through grants. G.S. 7A-38(n) currently states that "The Administrative Office of the Courts may solicit funds from private sources to establish, conduct, and evaluate this pilot program. No State funds shall be used to establish, conduct, or evaluate this program."

SOURCES OF DATA: Administrative Office of the Courts; N.C. General Statutes

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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