

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 74

SHORT TITLE: Disaster Leave Law

SPONSOR(S): Senators Parnell, Martin of Pitt, Ward, Sherron, Plyler, Allran, Albertson, and Jordan

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

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

BILL SUMMARY Provides that state employees who are certified disaster service volunteers of the American Red Cross may be granted leave with pay to participate in disaster relief. The provision extends only to North Carolina disasters of severity Level III or greater; the decision whether to grant leave lies with the employing agency; and leave cannot exceed 15 work days in any 12-month period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective upon ratification

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Table with 5 columns labeled FY and rows for EXPENDITURES (RECURRING, NON-RECURRING), REVENUES/RECEIPTS (RECURRING, NON-RECURRING)

POSITIONS:

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Several factors support a conclusion that the fiscal impact will be insignificant: 1) Level III disasters (property damage \$50,000 or greater) are infrequent, as only twelve have occurred in North Carolina during the past eight years. (2) Fewer than 20 of the 370 certified disaster volunteer specialists in North Carolina are state employees. (3) State agency directors may deny leave to any employee whose absence would jeopardize agency operations.

SOURCES OF DATA: Division of Emergency Management, American Red Cross

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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