

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 821, Committee Substitute Favorable 5/10/95

SHORT TITLE: Encourage Breast Feeding

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Alexander; Earle, Easterling and McAllister

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

FUNDS AFFECTED: **General Fund (x)** **Highway Fund ()** **Local Funds ()**

BILL SUMMARY:

H 821. TO INCLUDE ENCOURAGEMENT OF BREAST-FEEDING IN SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STATE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM. Amends G.S. 130A-124(a) and 130A-125(a) as title indicates. Directs Division of Maternal and Child Health, Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, to develop demonstration program for encouraging breast-feeding, to be implemented in at least one local health department beginning Oct. 1, 1995; directs Department to report on demonstration project, to Governor and General Assembly, by May 1, 1996. Contains blank appropriation to Department for each year of biennium, to implement act.

H 821. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FAVORABLE 5/10/95. House committee substitute replaces 1st edition. Directs the Dep't of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources (DEHNR) to include services that support and encourage breast-feeding in its Maternal and Child Health programs. Amends G.S. 130A-124 by adding new subsection (a1), which requires the Department to develop written policies and adopt rules supporting breast-feeding practices for the public sector work place. Amends G.S. 130A-361(a) to require that DEHNR include as part of its nutrition program education supporting breast-feeding. Deletes requirement that DEHNR develop and report about demonstration project showing benefits of breast-feeding. Deletes previous blank appropriation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification.

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

Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources
Division of Maternal and Child Health

FISCAL IMPACT

FY95-96

FY96-97

FY97-98

FY98-99

FY99-

EXPENDITURES
RECURRING
NON-RECURRING

POSITIONS:

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

DEHNR's Division of Maternal and Child Health currently provides breast-feeding support services primarily through its nutrition programs, but also through its prenatal care programs and child birth preparation and parenting classes. Since DEHNR is already providing a variety of programs, activities and educational offerings to promote and encourage breast-feeding, additional resources are not required to implement this requirement.

The Department does not currently have a written policy regarding breast-feeding practices in the public sector work place, but does not anticipate needing additional resources to meet this provision of the bill. DEHNR intends to form a multidisciplinary task force to develop model guidelines to facilitate breast-feeding by employees in the work place. Once developed, the guidelines will be distributed to public sector employees statewide. The department will also review and update all current breast-feeding materials to include promotion in the work place.

SOURCES OF DATA:

Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources
Division of Maternal and Child Health

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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