

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 30

SHORT TITLE: Long-Term Confinement Contracts

SPONSOR(S): Senator Odom

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: TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF CORRECTION TO ENTER LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF STATE PRISONERS IN COUNTY FACILITIES. Amends GS 148-37(b) to authorize ten-year contracts for the confinement of state prisoners in county facilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective on ratification

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Correction

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u> 94-95	<u>FY</u> 95-96	<u>FY</u> 96-97	<u>FY</u> 97-98	<u>FY</u>
98-99					

EXPENDITURES	RECURRING	No Fiscal Impact
NON-RECURRING		

POSITIONS:

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Department of Correction

County jails now hold prisoners awaiting trial or serving sentences of 180 days or less. Currently, the state leases 360 beds from several county jails at a cost of \$40 per day per inmate. The state has signed leases with these counties for one year. However, it is intended that leases for these beds will not be continued beyond the 1995-97 Biennium.

This legislation provides enabling language which would allow the Department of Correction, with approval from the Department of Administration, to enter into long-term confinement contracts with local jails, for a period of up to

ten years. This would give counties who are building facilities and others who plan to build facilities in the future financial assurance that they could house both local and state inmates.

Since this is only authorizing legislation, there would be no additional fiscal impact on the Department of Correction. However, as contracts are signed with counties to hold state prisoners, funds would need to be appropriated to the Department of Correction to compensate for the care and maintenance of these additional prisoners.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Correction

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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