

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 1032

SHORT TITLE: Emergency Management Compact

SPONSOR(S): Senator Parnell

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: "ENACTING AND ENTERING INTO THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT. Provides for mutual cooperation between the party states in emergency-related exercises, testing, or other training activities. Permits any party state to withhold resources to the extent necessary to provide for that state. Provides that officers or employees of any party state rendering aid in another state pursuant to the Compact will be considered agents of the requesting state for tort liability and immunity purposes. Requires each party state to provide for the payment of compensation and death benefits to injured members of the emergency forces of that state on the same terms as if the injury or death was sustained within their own state. Provides for reimbursement by requesting state to state rendering aid. Operative immediately upon ratification of any two states."

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Crime Control and Public Safety; Division of Emergency Management

FISCAL IMPACT

98-99 FY 95-96 FY 96-97 FY 97-98 FY 98-99 FY

EXPENDITURES **No Fiscal Impact**

POSITIONS: None

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Division of Emergency Management

This legislation provides language which would allow North Carolina's Division of Emergency Management to enter into the Southern Regional Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The purpose of the Compact is to

provide for mutual assistance between party states in managing emergencies and disasters duly recognized by the Governor's of the affected states.

According to the Director of Emergency Management, the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the Division as any potential additional workload could be performed within existing resources.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Department of Insurance

Likewise, representatives of the Department of Insurance maintain sections in the bill concerning tort liability and immunity issues would not have any additional fiscal impact on the Department.

Subsequently, no fiscal impact is anticipated for this bill at this time.

SOURCES OF DATA: Division of Emergency Management; Department of Insurance

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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