

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 1482

**SHORT TITLE:** Ban Partial Birth Abortions

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Dan Page

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>Increase (X)</b>	<b>Decrease ( )</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>Increase ( )</b>	<b>Decrease ( )</b>
<b>No Impact ( )</b>		
<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		

**FUND AFFECTED:**

<b>General Fund (X)</b>	<b>Highway Fund ( )</b>	<b>Local Govt. ( )</b>
<b>Other Funds ( )</b>		

**BILL SUMMARY:** This bill imposes a ban on partial birth abortions, except in cases where the mother's life is endangered, and makes violation of this ban a Class I felony and provides for appropriate compensation in civil action.

Additionally, this bill requires the voluntary and informed consent of pregnant women including the voluntary and informed written consent of unemancipated minors and their consenting adults, except in the case of medical emergencies, prior to the performance of an abortion. Specifically, the bill requires that a woman be provided certain information pertaining to medical assistance benefits available, the medical risks associated with abortions and various related information. Additionally, individuals who knowingly violate the proposed law may be found guilty of a class I misdemeanor. The bill requires the Department of Human Resources to publish written materials for the purpose of educating pregnant women seeking abortion services and requires the Department to report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations regarding the cost of the initial printing and production of the required materials.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 1, 1996

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

	<u>FY</u> 1996-97	<u>FY</u> 1997-98	<u>FY</u> 1998-99	<u>FY</u> 1999-00	<u>FY</u> 2000-01
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>					
<b>HIGHWAY TRUST FUND</b>					
<b>LOCAL</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	\$104,635*	\$183,247	\$188,745	\$194,407	\$200,

**POSITIONS:** None

\*Reflects seven (7) months of implementation - 12/1/96 effective date.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The following assumptions were used: (1) no 24-hour hotline is employed by the Department of Human Resources (the bill is permissive in this option); (2) a 3% inflationary factor for each fiscal year beyond 1996/97; (3) 32,000 pamphlets will be published and distributed each year at a cost of approximately \$5.06/pamphlet; (4) 32,000 abortions will be performed each year of the projection (data is based upon 1993 actual data - latest information available); (5) no negligible fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections or the Administrative Office of the Courts.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, Department of Corrections and Administrative Office of the Courts

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** This bill is similar to G.S. 14-45.1, Section (c), amended in the 1973 Session Laws, which requires the State Board of Health to prescribe and collect on an annual basis, from providers where abortions are performed, representative samplings of statistical summary reports concerning the medical and demographic characteristics of the abortions performed in the state. The State Board of Health is currently performing this function. The potential for consolidation and centralization of current and proposed data collection and reporting requirements exists.

The mandated duty to develop printed materials prescribed by this bill functionally "fit" in the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources where maternal and child health and health education activities exist.

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