

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 139

**SHORT TITLE:** Clarify Sex Offender Registration

**SPONSOR(S):** Representatives Justus; Arnold, Baker, Bowie, Boyd-Mcintyre, Cansler, Carpenter, Clary Crawford, Dockham, Esposito, Fox, Gardner, Hall, Holmes, Ives, Kiser, McCombs, McMahan, Mitchell, Morris, Mosley, Nichols, Russell, Sherrill, Thompson, Watson, and G. Wilson.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Yes ( )      No (X)      No Estimate Available ( )

FY 1997-98    FY 1998-99    FY 1999-00    FY 2000-01    FY 2001-02

**REVENUES**      No Fiscal Impact

**EXPENDITURES**      No Fiscal Impact

**POSITIONS:**      No Fiscal Impact

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &  
PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Department of Justice (Division of Criminal Information)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** When it becomes law and applies to all persons convicted on or after that date and to all persons released from a penal institution on or after that date.

**BILL SUMMARY: CLARIFY SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION. TO AMEND THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION LAW TO CLARIFY THAT PERSONS CONVICTED OF SEX OFFENSES IN FEDERAL COURTS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER.** As title indicates. Applies to all persons convicted or released from a penal institution on or after date bill becomes law.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Daily Bulletin*, Institute of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill, Vol. 1997, No. 10.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

As noted by the Department of Justice, the Division of Criminal Information (DCI) presently maintains the database on sex offender registrations. Assuming that Federal Authorities inform inmates (prior sex offenders) upon their release from prison that they are required to register in North Carolina, the Division of Criminal Information will be able to absorb the additional workload created by these prior offenders registering in North Carolina. It is projected that the number of Federal sex offenders being released and moving to North Carolina is relatively small. Due to these small number of individuals, there would not be a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Justice.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

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