

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 524
SHORT TITLE: UNC Alcohol Education Endowment Fund
SPONSOR(S): Proposed Committee Substitute

FISCAL IMPACT					
Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()			
	<u>FY 1997-98</u>	<u>FY 1998-99</u>	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>
REVENUES	See section on assumption and methodology				
EXPENDITURES	No effect on the continuation budget				
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	UNC Center for Alcohol Studies Endowment				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	When it becomes law				

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed act increases the cap on the amount of revenue collected from a portion of the drivers license restoration fee and deposited into the General Fund for appropriation to the UNC Center for Alcohol Studies Endowment. The cap is increased from \$5 million to \$10 million. Nothing in the bill changes the amount the General Assembly may choose to appropriate annually.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

In 1989, the General Assembly increased the restoration fee on drivers' whose license had been revoked from \$25.00 to \$50.00. The increase was devoted to the UNC Center for Alcohol Studies until the cumulative total reached \$5 million; at which time, the restoration fee would revert to \$25.00. Since 1989, this revenue from the restoration fee has been deposited into the General Fund and an amount appropriated annually to the Endowment.

(For summary of receipts see Table I.)

TABLE I

Fiscal Year	Funding History	DWI Restoration Fee
1990-91	\$0	\$288,862
1991-92	\$1,615,000	\$459,543
1992-93	\$850,000	\$493,713
1993-94	\$700,000	\$537,866
1994-95	\$700,000	\$551,153
1995-96	\$500,000	\$580,722
1996-97	\$500,000	\$461,545 **
1997-98 *	\$135,000	
1998-99 *		
Totals	\$5,000,000	\$3,373,404

* Contained in SB 352 Senate and House versions a/o 6/4/97

** Receipts through 4/30/97

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