

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 989 (Third Edition)

SHORT TITLE: School Administrator's Exam Fee

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Rogers

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: State Board of Education - N C Standards Board for Public School Administration

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act becomes effective July 1, 1997.

BILL SUMMARY: The bill removes the fee for the school administrator's exam from the statutes.

BACKGROUND: The General Assembly created the North Carolina Standards Board for Public School Administration in 1993. For administrative purposes, the seven member board is under the State Board of Education. The Board is charged with developing and implementing a North Carolina Public School Administrator Exam effective January 1, 1998. To be eligible for the exam, a person must have a bachelors degree and a graduate degree from an accredited public school administration program. Passage of the exam is required to be certified by the State Board of Education as a public school administrator. Certification by the State Board of Education is a condition that must be met prior to assuming a job as an assistant principal or principal. Those currently serving as principals or assistant principals are grandfathered in and do not take the exam. However, for those persons who were previously certified as a principal, but are not in a principal position now, would have to take the exam in order to return to a school administrative post.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The State Board of Education estimates that 500 individuals will take the public school administrators exam each year. The Board has chosen ETS (Education Testing Service) to administer the exam at a cost of \$400 per exam. The school administrators will pay ETS directly for the exams. The \$150 exam fee was originally placed in the statute in 1993 before the Standards Board had determined what type of exam would be given and who would administer the exam.

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