

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1149 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Out-of-Home Respite Care Funds

SPONSOR(S): Senator Carpenter, et. al.

	FISCAL IMPACT				
	Yes ()	No (X)	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1998-99</u>	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>
REVENUES					
EXPENDITURES					
POSITIONS:					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:					
Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging Area Agencies on Aging					
EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification					

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed legislation amends GS 143B-181.10(c0 to delete the requirement that respite program funds provide no more than the current adult care reimbursement rate for out-home placement.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The Respite Care Program allows temporary out-of-home placement of a person as an option for respite care, so the primary care giver for that person can receive respite. An out-of-home placement is defined as placement in a hospital, skilled or intermediate care facility, adult care home, adult day health center, or adult day care center. The proposed legislation removes the statutory limitation on the reimbursement for this service which limits payment to the current adult care reimbursement rate. By removing the limitation, the rate for this service will be set by the Division of Aging.

Respite care services is an allowable service under the Home and Community Care Block to counties and counties may allocate a portion of their funding from the Block Grant for these services. There is no direct appropriation specifically for institutional respite care. Counties have designated \$297,541 of their 1997-98 Block Grant funding for institutional respite care services. Removing the statutory limitation on reimbursement will have no direct fiscal impact because the amount of money designated for institutional respite care is determined by counties based on identified aging needs.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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