

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 968 (Second Edition) Waivers of Competitive Bidding Modified

SHORT TITLE: Waivers of Competitive Bidding Modified

SPONSOR(S): Senator Larry Shaw

FISCAL IMPACT

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

FY 1999-00 **FY 2000-01** **FY 2001-02** **FY 2002-03** **FY 2003-04**

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Administration - Division of Purchase and Contract

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act becomes effective July 1, 1999.

BILL SUMMARY:

The bill amends the law regarding the waivers of competitive bidding for expenditures over \$10,000 and requires bid protests involving contracts over \$25,000 to be handled by the Department of Administration.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Although the Division of Purchase and Contract anticipates reviewing 1000 additional requests for bid waivers, the current staff can absorb this workload. By September 1999, all agencies will be online with the Division's Interactive Purchasing System (IPS). These agencies will be able to electronically send requisitions and bid waiver requests to the Division of Purchase and Contract. Division staff can review the request on the computer screen and then approve or deny a bid waiver by electronic mail. The Division of Purchase and Contract may impose a \$1 fee on each bid waiver application. There will be no revenue from this fee because the current director of the Division of Purchase and Contract has pledged not to impose this fee.

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