

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Research
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Approved By: Tom L. Covington			Rep. Martin Nesbitt
Short Title: Statewide Nonbinding Arbitration			Sponsor:

TYPE OF FISCAL IMPACT	COUNTY/		FUNDS AFFECTED:		
	State Gov't	Local Gov't	() General	() Highway	() Other: Local
No Fiscal Impact	(x)*	(x)*			
Increase Expenditure	()	()			
Decrease Expenditure	()	()			
Increase Revenue	()	()			
Decrease Revenue	()	()			
No Estimate Avail.	()	()			

* H 1278 is authorizing legislation only. SB 1124 would have to pass to implement H 1278.

Description of Legislation

1. Summary of Legislation - This legislation would authorize the program of statewide court-ordered nonbinding arbitration in civil actions where claims do not exceed \$15,000.
2. Effective Date - July 1, 1989
3. Fund or Tax Affected
4. Principal Department/Program Affected - Judicial Department/Superior Court and District Court.

Cost or Revenue Impact on State

FY	FY	FY
88-89	89-90	

1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions

Cost/Revenue Impact on County or Local Government

	FY	FY	FY
	88-89	89-90	
1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues			
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues			
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions			

Sources of Data for Fiscal Note

Judicial Department

Technical Considerations/Comments

This legislation would authorize the establishment of a program of statewide court-ordered, nonbinding arbitration as an alternative civil procedure where claims do not exceed \$15,000. Other programs, such as the Satellite Jails and the Crime Victim's Compensation, have been established in a similar manner, and appropriations for implementation have been contained in separate bills.

There are three pilot nonbinding arbitration programs funded in FY 1988-89. If the pilot programs are continued, an appropriation of \$122,556 for FY 1989-90 and \$122,253 for FY 1990-91 will be needed. Funds to continue the pilot programs and to implement additional programs are contained in Section 20 of SB 1124. An appropriation of \$189,118 for FY 1989-90 is requested to continue these three pilot programs and establish 3 additional programs, effective January 1, 1990. An appropriation of \$448,902 for FY 1990-91 is requested to support the six programs funded in 1989-90 and implement 3 additional programs effective July 1, 1990.



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