

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 479

SHORT TITLE: Senior Tar Heel Legislature

SPONSOR(S): Senator Perdue

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase () Decrease ()
 Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()
 No Impact (x)
 No Estimate Available ()

FUND AFFECTED: General Fund (x) Highway Fund () Local Govt. ()
 Other Funds ()

BILL SUMMARY: SB 479 creates the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature to provide information to senior citizens on matters of being considered by the General Assembly, to promote citizen involvement concerning aging issues, and to make recommendations to the General Assembly. Authorizes the Department of Human Resources, Division of Aging, to organize, coordinate, and provide staff support for the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Ratification

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: DHR-Division of Aging

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	
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	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98
REVENUES:					
GENERAL FUND					
HIGHWAY FUND					
HIGHWAY TRUST FUND					
LOCAL					
EXPENDITURES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS: none

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Twenty-six states currently have a program very similar to the one proposed in SB 479. The programs are organized in different ways, however, the most common organizational unit responsible for a program is a state agency on aging. The Division of Aging currently provides technical assistance to 14 state level associations or groups which focus on aging issues. The Division views the proposed legislation as a way for them to consolidate some of these efforts. For this reason, the Division anticipates that they can organize and coordinate the Senior Tar Heel Legislature, at no additional cost to the State. In the event expenses, such as printing

arise, which they do not currently have budgeted, they are proposing to seek private funding for these costs.

SOURCES OF DATA: DHR- Division of Aging

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Staff suggest that the concern about any potential costs to the state be allayed by adding language that would require that the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature pay their own expenses. Our review of materials available on other states' senior legislatures reveals that funding for the programs varied. For example, Florida and Georgia's program is supported by state funds and other private donations; the programs in Indiana and Iowa are self funded, delegates pay their own expenses; however, in California, the source of funding for their program is through donations. Staff attorneys may need to be consulted for legal considerations.

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