

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 783 Committee Substitute

SHORT TITLE: Long Term Care Facilities - Disclosure

SPONSOR(S):

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No (X)	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>
REVENUES					
EXPENDITURES		none			
POSITIONS:					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Department of Health and Human Services				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	January 1 2000				

BILL SUMMARY:

April 28, 1999

S 783. LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES/DISCLOSURE. Intro. 4/7/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Enacts new GS 131E-112 to provide that a nursing home or combination home that provides special care for persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias in a special care unit shall make certain disclosures to DHHS and each person seeking placement in the unit, or that person's representative, including: (1) a statement of its philosophy and mission; (2) criteria for placement and transfer to the special unit; (3) staffing patterns; (4) dementia-specific staff training; and (5) Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-specific programming. Special care unit is defined as a wing or hallway within a nursing home, or a program provided by a nursing home, that is designated especially for residents with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias, or other special needs disease or condition, as determined by the Medical Care Comm'n. Effective Jan. 1, 2000.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Disclosure provisions and requirements in Section 1, subsection (a)(1) would occur within the routine licensing process of these facilities and would not incur any additional costs upon the Department.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: none

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