

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2007

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1686 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Juvenile Justice Commission Established.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Bordsen and Bryant

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>
EXPENDITURES:	\$24,291	\$24,291	\$24,291	\$24,291	\$24,291
POSITIONS (cumulative):	0	0	0	0	0
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: North Carolina General Assembly					
EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification.					

BILL SUMMARY: This bill repeals statutes creating the Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, eliminates the responsibility to review Juvenile Justice matters now assigned to the Joint Legislative Committee on Corrections and Crime Control, and establishes a new, permanent Juvenile Justice Study Commission. The commission is composed of 17 members, with eight each appointed by the House of Representatives and the Senate, and five of the eight to be legislators. The commission is to study matters related to the juvenile system that provides services for delinquent and abused juveniles. The bill provides procedures for meeting, locations, annual reports to the legislature, staff assistance, and similar matters and provides guidelines regarding appointment of nonlegislative Commission members by the General Assembly. The bill directs that members of the Commission appointed as members of the House of Representatives or the Senate may serve a full two-year term regardless of their status as members of the General Assembly, but they may not be reappointed unless they continue to be members of the General Assembly at the time of the reappointment.

Source: Bill Digest H.B. 1686 (04/18/0200).

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: As the proposed Juvenile Justice Commission would be housed in the North Carolina General Assembly, the General Assembly has estimated the total cost of the Commission to be \$24,291 annually, excluding the cost of outside professional staff and consultants. This dollar figure assumes five meetings per year, eight Legislator members and nine non-Legislator members. The analysis provides for clerical support and professional staff provided by the General Assembly. The principal components of the cost are travel and subsistence for the Commission members (\$18,976 annually), clerical support (\$3,065), and general office expenses (\$5,315). While the establishment and operations of the Commission do have a fiscal impact, the North Carolina General Assembly would be able to fund and operate the Commission within existing resources.

SOURCES OF DATA: North Carolina General Assembly.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: This bill involves a substantial amount of research and evaluation work for which outside contractors would likely be necessary. These costs are not included in this analysis and would be over and above the costs associated with the general operations of the Commission. These costs cannot be projected.

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