

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 1639

**SHORT TITLE:** Increase Judicial Salaries

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Hensley

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

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

**BILL SUMMARY:** Increases the salary of justices and judges to and by the following amounts:

<u># Positions</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Proposed Salary</u>	<u>Annual Increase</u>
1	CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT	\$97,600	\$3,823
6	ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT	96,000	4,145
1	CHIEF JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS	93,600	4,670
11	JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS	92,000	5,004
44	JUDGE, SENIOR REGULAR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT	89,600	9,777
49	JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT	88,000	10,711
38	CHIEF JUDGE, DISTRICT COURT	81,600	13,344
154	JUDGE, DISTRICT COURT	80,000	14,326

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1994

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Judicial Branch officials from Supreme Court to District Court

**FISCAL IMPACT**

	<u>FY</u> 94-95 98-99	<u>FY</u> 95-96	<u>FY</u> 96-97	<u>FY</u> 97-98	<u>FY</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$5,083,000	\$5,286,000	\$5,498,000	\$5,718,000	
	\$5,947,000				
<b>LESS GOVERNOR'S 4%</b>					
<b>PROPOSED INCREASE</b>	<u>1,174,400</u>	<u>1,221,300</u>	<u>1,270,200</u>	<u>1,295,600</u>	—
<u>1,347,400</u>					
<b>NET ANNUAL COST</b>	\$3,908,600	\$4,064,700	\$4,227,800	\$4,422,400	
	\$4,599,600				

**POSITIONS:** 304 judges

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The salary increase amounts shown above under "General Fund" is the amount of salary increase that would be paid if this bill were enacted. The amount under "Less Governor's 4% Proposed Increase" reflects the cost of the proposed 4% salary increase. So the "Net Annual Cost" is the amount of salary increase that would be paid over and above the proposed 4% annual increase for 1994-95. The annual cost in future years was calculated by projecting an annual 4% salary increases and includes employer matching amounts for Social Security and retirement benefits.

**SOURCES OF DATA:**

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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