

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

BILL NUMBER: SB 769

SHORT TITLE: Assault Emergency Medical Personnel

SPONSOR(S): Senator Horton

FISCAL IMPACT:	Expenditures:	Increase ()	Decrease (
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	Revenues:	Increase ()	Decrease (
))
	No Impact (X)		

BILL SUMMARY: "TO MAKE IT A FELONY TO COMMIT AN ASSAULT OR AN AFFRAY ON AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TECHNICIAN, EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NURSE, OR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PHYSICIAN." Adds G.S. 14-34.5 as title indicates, when such persons are discharging or attempting to discharge official duties. Makes violation at Class I felony.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1995; applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Judicial Branch; Department of Correction

FISCAL IMPACT: Judicial Branch; Department of Correction

<u>FY</u> 95-96	<u>FY</u> 96-97	<u>FY</u> 97-98	<u>FY</u> 98-99
<u>FY</u> 99-00			

EXPENDITURES

RECURRING NO FISCAL IMPACT

NON-RECURRING

The proposed legislation would elevate assaults on emergency medical personnel to Class I felonies (now, misdemeanors).

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Given the relative infrequency of these offenses, and the fact that many would likely be disposed by pleas in district court, the Administrative Office of the Courts believes that the the Judicial Branch can absorb within existing resources the costs of the few additional felony cases that may be generated by the proposed legislation.

Likewise, due to the relative infrequency of these offenses, the proposed legislation is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the Department of Correction.

SOURCES OF DATA: Administrative Office of the Courts; North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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