

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 1021

SHORT TITLE: Home Health Area Clarification

SPONSOR(S): Senators Cochrane, Forrester, Lucas, Cooper, Parnell, Little, and Kincaid.

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

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

BILL SUMMARY: Provides that the service area for home health agencies with no certificate of need is only those counties in which patients were served as shown on the existing licensure renewal form on file with the Division of Facility Services as of January 1, 1991. For agencies with a certificate of need, the service area is as defined on the certificate or, if not so defined there, then the area defined in the certificate application.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Ratification.

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Human Resources

Table with columns: FISCAL IMPACT (FY95-96, FY96-97, FY97-98, FY98-99, FY99-00) and rows: REVENUES (GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND, HIGHWAY TRUST FUND, LOCAL), EXPENDITURES, POSITIONS.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Currently, the Division of Facility Services's (DFS) monitoring of home health agencies consists of requiring these agencies to submit reports and DFS investigating complaints as they arise. This cost estimate assumes that this level of monitoring will continue to be sufficient and that DFS will not need to hire additional staff to implement a more active monitoring program.

SOURCES OF DATA: The Division of Facility Services and the Health Planning Commission within the Department of Human Resources.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

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