NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 962

SHORT TITLE: Voluntary Commitment/Mother on Drugs

SPONSOR(S): Senator Bill Martin

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

<u>FY 1997-98</u> <u>FY 1998-99</u> <u>FY 1999-00</u> <u>FY 2000-01</u> <u>FY 2001-02</u>

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES NO FISCAL IMPACT

POSITIONS: N/A

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Human Resources

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1997

BILL SUMMARY: This bill amends G. S. 122C-211 to expand existing statutory authority to allow children under the age of three to accompany a parent, in a family unit, in need of substance abuse services when voluntarily committed to a 24-hour substance abuse facility operated by the state, area mental health authority or a contract agency of an area mental health authority. The bill also provides that a child accompanying a parent shall receive assessment, well-child care and early intervention services.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Since the intent of this bill is to incorporate into existing statutory authority a policy and practice which is currently in use, no costs are anticipated.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

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