

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: H.B. 105 (2nd Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Butner Community Governance

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Jim Crawford and Gordon Allen

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>
REVENUES					
General Fund	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)
Special Fund for Butner Public Safety Div.	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Butner Advisory Council, The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.					
EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections repealing the existing council and making conforming changes are effective when the elected council takes office. The remainder of the bill becomes effective when law.					

BILL SUMMARY: The bill establishes the Butner Advisory Council as an elected body. The Council will advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services on the operations of the Camp Butner reservation and the concerns of its residents. House Bill 105 also provides that the public safety fees currently assessed will be placed in a special fund to be used by the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to fund the Butner Public Safety Division.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Section Six is the only portion of the bill that has a fiscal impact. This section effectively transfers money from the General Fund to a Special Fund within the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

In 1983, the General Assembly passed legislation that established the Butner Police and Fire Protection District. Within this District, the tax collectors of Durham and Granville Counties are required to collect a tax of twenty cents (\$.20) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value on all real and personal property. These funds are then transferred to the State Treasurer and deposited in the General Fund to help offset the cost of providing police and fire protection for the jurisdiction.

The actual expenses for the Butner Public Safety Division in FY 1997-98 was \$2,284,090. In that same year, Durham and Granville Counties remitted \$600,000 to the General Fund, or approximately 26% of the costs associated with providing public safety services. Under this legislation, these funds would be earmarked in a special fund for the Butner Public Safety Division rather than the General Fund. The result would be that the net appropriation for Butner Public Safety would be reduced by \$600,000 (or whatever receipts were collected), but these funds would not be included in General Fund availability. The bill does not change the overall net expenditures for Butner Public Safety, just the manner in which they are funded.

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