

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SENATE BILL 1217

SHORT TITLE: MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM REFORM

SPONSOR(S): Senator Jim Phillips et al

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>
REVENUES	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENDITURES*	\$350,000	0	0	0	0
*funds to be transferred from DHHS					
POSITIONS:	none				
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: General Assembly & Department of Health and Human Services					
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2000					

BILL SUMMARY:

This bill would create a Joint Legislative Commission on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services to oversee the development of a plan to reform the current public system of mental health services.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

This fiscal analysis assumes that the Commission would have a project budget of approximately \$350,000. These funds would be used to employ one fulltime contractual professional staff to act as project manager for the Commission and \$25,000 to procure professional expertise to

facilitate various aspects of the Commission's work. It is also assumed that existing legislative staff would provide assistance as needed.

Additionally, the fiscal estimate assumes the Commission would require the balance of the funds to procure professional expertise to conduct the comprehensive study of the developmental disabilities services system as specified in the bill.

This note assumes the funds needed to facilitate the work of the Commission would be transferred from funds available within the Department of Health and Human Services' budget to the budget of the General Assembly. Additional funds needed to support per diem and other incidental costs associated with the operations of the Commission would be allocated from within the General Assembly's budgeted funds for support of legislative research commission and other oversight committees/commissions.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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