

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 803 (1st Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Encourage Teacher Ed./Active Military

SPONSOR(S): Senator Forrester

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No (X)	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>
REVENUES					
EXPENDITURES					
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other					
POSITIONS:					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Community College System, Universities, and Department of Public Instruction				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	When Bill Becomes Law				

BILL SUMMARY:

ENCOURAGE TEACHER ED./ACTIVE MILITARY. TO DIRECT THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO WORK COOPERATIVELY TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL TO TAKE TEACHER EDUCATION CLASSES PRIOR TO DISCHARGE FROM THE MILITARY. As title indicates.

Source: Bill Digest (4/03/01)

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The UNC system and Community Colleges recognize the advantages of offering teacher education programs (bachelor and Master's) to military personnel prior to their discharge. Although Internet based courses are expanding, a targeted campaign to increase participation does not appear to exist at this time. This bill that would encourage the Universities and Community Colleges to continue to expand opportunities for internet based education programs and to work cooperatively with the State Department of Public Instruction to communicate these opportunities on military bases in North Carolina.

The formalization of the coordination and expansion of courses to military personnel is not expected to require additional funding. The expansion could lead to increased enrollment in the community colleges and university system, however, this increase is very difficult to project and will be a part of the Systems' future Expansion Budget request.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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