

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Research  
733-4910

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Approved By: Tom Covington TOMC	APRIL 6, 1989		Sponsor: Rep. S. Thompson
Short Title: Voluntary Adoption Registry			

TYPE OF FISCAL IMPACT		FUNDS AFFECTED:		( ) Other:
		(X) General	( ) Highway	( ) Local
	County/			
	State Gov't	Local Gov't	State Fiscal Impact	FY 90
				FY 91
No Fiscal Impact	( )	( )	State Total Req'ments	\$151,052
			Receipts/Revenues	-0-
Increase Expenditure	(X)	( )	Net State Expend./Rev.	\$151,052
			No. of Positions	2
Decrease Expenditure	( )	( )		
			Local Fiscal Impact	FY
Increase Revenue	( )	( )		FY
			Local Total Req'ments	FY
Decrease Revenue	( )	( )	Receipts/Revenues	
			Net Local Expend./Rev.	
No Estimate Avail.	( )	( )	No. of Positions	

Description of Legislation

1. Summary of Legislation: Replaces G.S. 48-25(e) with G.S. 48-25.1 (1) requiring adoption agency give complete health history of adoptee and his biological relatives to adoptee, his adoptive parents or guardian, or biological relatives, (2) allowing submission of relevant information to be added to medical history, and (3) requiring agency to search for additional medical information when presented with medical evidence for necessity of search. Adds G.S. 48-25.2 (1) requiring Department of Human Resources to create registry to facilitate voluntary contact between adult adoptees and biological relatives and (2) establishing procedures for use of registry, emphasizing privacy and mutual consent of parties.

2. Effective Date: January 1, 1990

3. Fund or Tax Affected: General Fund

4. Principal Department/Program Affected: Department of Human Resources,  
Division of Social Services,  
Childrens Services

Cost or Revenue Impact on State

	FY 89-90	FY 90-91	FY
1. Non-Recurring Costs	\$94,000	-0-	
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues	\$57,052	\$77,052	

3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions:

1. Personnel costs include 1 consultant and 1 support position. Lack of experience on the number of records affected and the complexity of cases supports minimum staffing at this time.
2. One-time costs include funds for staff equipment and funds for the development and installation of an automated registry.
3. Second-year recurring costs include cost of operating automated system.
4. Between 1933 and June 1988, roughly 105,170 legal adoptions have been registered in North Carolina. What portion of these cases will be requesting services from the registry is unknown.

Cost/Revenue Impact on County or Local Government

	FY 90-91	FY 90-91	FY
1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues	-0-	-0-	
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues	-0-	-0-	
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions	-0-	-0-	

Sources of Data for Fiscal Note

Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services

Technical Considerations/Comments



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