### Description of Legislation

1. Summary of Legislation

Clarify State claims assignment "to reorganize the language of a statute in order to make the statute more readable." Reorganizes and rewrites GS 143-3.3 (assignments of claims against state) without making substantive changes. House committee substitute amends proposed new GS 143-3.3 (g) to authorize state employees and employees of local boards of education or community colleges, who are members of domiciled employees' association that has at least 2,000 members, the majority of whom are state employees or public school employees, to authorize periodic deductions from their salaries of payments to the employees' association (original bill did not include employees of local boards of education or community colleges, and threshold association membership was at least 50,000 members). Provision does not apply to local government units, except boards of education.

- 2. Effective Date Upon ratification
- 3. Fund or Tax Affected
- 4. Principal Department/Program Affected Department of Education

#### Cost or Revenue Impact on State

- 1.Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues
- 2.Recurring Costs/Revenues
- 3.Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions

All of North Carolina's 134 school systems are in compliance with the payroll and accounting standards established by the State Board of Education for the Uniform Education Reporting System (UERS). In order for all school systems to meet the requirements of UERS, new computer hardware and a standard payroll and accounting software package were purchased from funds appropriated by the General Assembly for almost every school system in the state. A few of the larger school systems, such as Wake and Mecklenburg modified existing systems to meet the new accounting and payroll standards.

Like most computerized payroll and accounting systems, the systems used by North Carolina's public schools have the capacity to automatically deduct specific amounts from an employee's check at each pay period. After reviewing this matter with the Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services and the Director of the Management Information Division of the Department of Public Instruction, we conclude that an additional deduction should not increase the cost of payroll administration at either the state or local level.

#### Cost/Revenue Impact on County or Local Government

1.Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues

- 2.Recurring Costs/Revenues
- 3.Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions

# Sources of Data for Fiscal Note

Department of Public Instruction

## Technical Considerations/Comments

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