

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 1007

SHORT TITLE: Second Juvenile Code Revision Committee

SPONSOR(S): Representative Hensley

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase () Decrease ()
Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()
No Impact ()
No Estimate Available ()

FUND AFFECTED: General Fund (x) Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
Other Fund ()

BILL SUMMARY: Legislation re-establishes Juvenile Code Revision Committee as an adjunct committee of the Governor's Crime Commission to study problems relating to the delinquency provisions of Chapter 7A, other specified laws, and to recommend necessary revisions that will preserve the rights of juveniles and the best interests of the state. Provides that the committee will terminate on February 28, 1995, and must make a full and complete report to the General Assembly by March 1, 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Crime Control and Public Safety

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u> 93-94	<u>FY</u> 94-95	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>
EXPENDITURES					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$181,616	\$152,248			
STATE FUNDS	\$181,616	\$152,248			
FEDERAL FUNDS					
LOCAL FUNDS					
OTHER FUNDS					
RECEIPTS/FEES					
POSITIONS:	3	3			

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

A committee of similar title and purpose was created in the 1977 Session. The Committee was composed of 16 members and staffed by two attorneys and 2 support positions. The recommendations from the Committee were presented to the General Assembly in the 1979 Session and proposed a major overhaul of the State's Juvenile Code. The

Department anticipates identical work will be performed by the Committee authorized in House Bill 1007. At this time the Department estimates the following requirements are necessary each fiscal year to allow the Committee to accomplish its goal:

- 2 attorney positions and 1 support position at a cost of \$114,432 each fiscal year for salary and benefits.
- Per diem and travel for Committee members and staff to conduct 12 meetings and hold 10 public hearings in 1993-94 with an annual cost of \$41,194; and to support 3 committee meetings and 5 public hearings in 1994-95 with a cost of \$15,216.
- Operating expenses (supplies, telephone, postage, printing, and rent) \$12,600 in 1993-94; and \$22,600 in 1994-95.
- Non-recurring expense in 1993-94 for furniture and office equipment at a cost of \$4,690 and data processing equipment at a cost of \$8,700.

The work of the previous Committee was supported with 100% federal funds from the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) grant that is administered by the Governor's Crime Commission (GCC). Although funding from this source has been allocated by the GCC for 1993-94, the department could request full or partial funding for the Committee's operation in 1994-95. Information from the department indicates it is preferable to obtain State funding to support the committee.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Although it is assumed the General Fund would be the source of support for House Bill 1007, the General Assembly has, at least, four options that may be considered to support the Committee's operation. The options are listed below:

- 1) appropriate 100% State funding each fiscal year,
- 2) appropriate 100% State funding for 1993-94 and direct the department to secure 100% federal funding (JJDP grants funds) for 1994-95,
- 3) appropriate 100% State funding for 1993-94 and direct the department to secure partial federal funding (designated percentage) for 1994-95, or
- 4) appropriate 100% State funds for 1993-94 and direct the department to consider other funding sources during the interim to support the operation in 1994-95 and to report findings to the 1994 Session.

The last option would allow consideration of State support the second year of the biennium, if federal funds are not available.

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