

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 495

SHORT TITLE: INJURY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE GAMBLE

FISCAL IMPACT:	Expenditures:	Increase ( )	Decrease ( )
	Revenues:	Increase ( )	Decrease ( )
	No Impact (X)		

BILL SUMMARY: "TO MAKE IT A FELONY IN LINCOLN AND GASTON COUNTIES TO INJURE OR KILL A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL, TO CREATE A NEW OFFENSE FOR ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM UPON A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL, AND TO CREATE A NEW OFFENSE FOR SIMPLE ASSAULT OR SIMPLE ASSAULT AND BATTERY UPON A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL. As title indicates. Entire act applies only to Gaston and Lincoln Counties.

AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES -APRIL 13, 1995 -DAILY BULLETIN #46

Intro. 3/20/95. House committee substitute replaces 1st edition. Extends bill to Alamance, Cumberland, Davie, Davidson, and Wake counties.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1995; applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Judicial Branch; Department of Correction

FISCAL IMPACT

<u>FY</u> 95-96	<u>FY</u> 96-97	<u>FY</u> 97-98	<u>FY</u> 98-99
<u>FY</u> 99-00			

EXPENDITURES

RECURRING NO FISCAL IMPACT

NON-RECURRING

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The Administrative Office of the Courts does not anticipate that the proposed legislation would have a substantial impact on the Judicial Branch as assaults on law enforcement animals are relatively rare. Thus, the Administrative Office of the Courts believes that the few additional cases that could result from the proposed legislation could be handled within existing resources.

Likewise, the proposed legislation is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the Department of Correction due to the small number of cases involving assaults on law enforcement animals.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Administrative Office of the Courts; North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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