

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: S 1231

SHORT TITLE: Clerks of Court on Commissions

SPONSOR(S): Senators Rand and Gulley

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

FUNDS AFFECTED: General Fund () Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
 Other Fund ()

BILL SUMMARY: Authorizes adding one clerk of court official to each of the following three Commissions; The Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission (The President of the Association of Clerks of Court or his designee); the State Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board (A clerk of superior court) and the Governor's Crime Commission (a clerk of superior Court).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Commissions listed in "Bill Summary"

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u> 1996-97	<u>FY</u> 1997-98	<u>FY</u> 1998-99	<u>FY</u> 1999-00	<u>FY</u> 2000-01	<u>FY</u>
EXPENDITURES						
RECURRING	\$1,800	\$1,854	\$1,910	\$1,967		\$2,02
NON-RECURRING						
REVENUES/RECEIPTS						
RECURRING						
NON-RECURRING						

POSITIONS: None

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The bill would add one member to each of the three Commissions, thus requiring additional funds to cover the expense of attending meetings. Each Commission estimated the average annual expenses per member for calendar year 1995. For the three Commissions combined the cost averages about \$600 per year for member mileage to and from meetings and for meals and lodging (assumes standard rate of \$43 for hotels and \$28 for food daily). This figure also assumes a minimum of four full Commission meetings annually and several subcommittee meetings. The annual

costs could be lower or higher depending on the residence of the clerk appointed and the distance to the site of meetings.

Costs for each fiscal year after 1996-97 assume a 3% annual increase. Each Commission has indicated the cost for the expenses of a new member can be absorbed within their current operating budget.

SOURCES OF DATA: Fiscal records from the three Commissions listed in this bill.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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