

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 710 (First Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Use of 911 Funds

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Arnold

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes ( )</b>	<b>No (X)</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2001-02</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2002-03</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2004-05</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005-06</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	N/A				
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	N/A				
<b>POSITIONS:</b>	N/A				
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> Department of Commerce, Emergency Telephone System Fund					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> Date of passage into law.					

**BILL SUMMARY:** The bill would rewrite the section of the Public Safety Telephone Service statute (G.S. 62A-8) that details allowable expenditures from the Emergency Telephone System Fund (the "Fund"), a receipt-supported special fund administered through the Department of Commerce. Whereas the current statute specifies that monies shall be used *only* to pay for equipment and rates, the bill would allow a portion of the money in the Fund to be used for purposes other than equipment and rates. Specifically, the bill would mandate that fifty percent of the monies in the Fund shall be used to pay for equipment and rates, while fifty percent "shall be used to pay for costs associated with operating a city's or county's emergency communications center." This bill would only apply to Nash County and the City of Rocky Mount.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** This bill would simply change the prescribed uses of the Emergency Telephone System Fund. The bill contains no provisions that would either increase or decrease the total revenues into or expenditures from the Fund. The bill therefore would redistribute expenditures, but would have no net fiscal impact.

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