

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1371 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: District 26 Funds.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Clodfelter

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (x)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>
REVENUES:					
EXPENDITURES:	\$520,213	\$520,213	\$520,213	\$520,213	\$520,213
POSITIONS:	8	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Administrative Office of the Courts					
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004					

BILL SUMMARY: May 27, 2004. S 1371. DISTRICT 26 FUNDS. TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EIGHT ADA POSITIONS IN PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT 26 AND TO CONTINUE THE YOUTH DRUG TREATMENT COURT IN DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT 26, AND TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF DRUG TREATMENT COURTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY FUNDED BY GRANTS FROM NON-STATE SOURCES. Appropriates \$520,213 for 2004-2005 from General Fund to Judicial Department as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2004.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

District Attorney's Office

There are currently eight Assistant District Attorneys employed by Prosecutorial District 26, comprising Mecklenburg County. These ADAs work as temporary employees without benefits paid by grant funds from federal or local sources. This bill would convert these eight temporary positions to regular state positions. Based on this bill each attorney's position cost will be \$44,684. Backing out Social Security (7.65%), Retirement (5.77%), and Hospital Insurance (\$3,432), these attorneys will receive a salary of \$36,371.

Drug Court Program

Mecklenburg County has a youth drug court program under the aegis of the state’s Drug Treatment Program in AOC. The Mecklenburg youth program has been funded by a federal grant through the Governor’s Crime Commission that is now expiring. The local court community seeks to maintain the operation of the program by moving it to state funding. Maintaining current operational levels requires \$162,741.

Mecklenburg County has been able to offer an array of drug court services through a combination of state, federal, and local funding; the local and especially federal sources are not secure funding streams. Several other judicial districts are currently operating treatment courts with short-term federal funding, and will lose these services when the federal money stops. This bill would require the AOC to develop a plan to transition drug court programs statewide from non-state sources to state funding.

SOURCES OF DATA: Administrative Office of the Courts, District 26 District Attorney’s Office.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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