GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 557 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Future Volunteer Firefighters Act.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Pierce, Folwell, Guice, and Stevens

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

FY 2009-10 FY 2010-11 FY 2011-12 FY 2012-13 FY 2013-14

REVENUES - - - - -

EXPENDITURES - - - -

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Insurance

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

BILL SUMMARY:

This bill adds a new subsection (n) to GS 95-25.5, which enacted the Future Volunteer Firefighters & Rescue Squad Members Act. The new subsection provides that the limitations imposed on the employment of youth under the age of 18 do <u>not</u> prohibit qualified youth from 15 to 18 years of age from participating in training through a fire department, the Office of the State Fire Marshall, or the Department of Community Colleges. The term "qualified youth under 18 years of age" is defined as an uncompensated fire department or rescue squad member who is over the age of 15 and under the age of 18 and who is a member of a bona fide fire department or of a rescue squad. *Source: Bill Digest H.B.* 557 (03/11/0200).

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Insurance already maintains records on the "qualified youth under 18 years of age" covered by this bill and the Volunteer Safety Workers Compensation Fund (GS 58-87-10) already provides coverage for these youth. Thus this bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Insurance.

SOURCES OF DATA:

Department of Insurance

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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