

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2009

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 708 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Amend the Compulsory School Attendance Law.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Hartsell

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes ( )</b>	<b>No (X)</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2009-10</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2010-11</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2011-12</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2012-13</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2013-14</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>POSITIONS (cumulative):</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Department of Public Instruction, Local Education Agencies				
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	If the bill becomes law.				

**BILL SUMMARY:**

SB 708 amends G.S. 115C-378 (the compulsory school attendance law) to: enumerate subsections within the statute; clarify and update the language of the statute; eliminate gender specific language; provide that a principal's designee may carry out some of the statute's directives; and revise language to state that documentation that a parent or guardian was notified that a child had accumulated 10 unexcused absences constitutes prima facie evidence that the parent or guardian is responsible for the absences.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

The compulsory school attendance law requires that children between ages 7 and 16 must attend school. SB 708 does not change that requirement, which would then potentially have a fiscal impact by altering on the number of children required to attend school. The bill would make mostly technical and conforming changes to G.S. 115C-378 to further clarify the entities responsible for ensuring a child is not absent from school for unexcused reasons. There do not appear to be any fiscal impacts to the State or local school systems that would result from enactment of SB 708.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** None.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

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