# **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Session 2013

# **Legislative Fiscal Note**

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 371 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Chiropractic Assistant Certification/Fee.-AB

**SPONSOR(S)**: Representatives Bryan and Conrad

FISCAL IMPACT (\$ in millions)					
	□ Ye	s 🗹 No	□ No Estimate Available		
]	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Impact					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
NET STATE IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2014					

#### **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

#### **BILL SUMMARY**:

H371 adds a section to Article 8 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes. The legislation creates a definition for the term "chiropractic clinical assistant". A chiropractic clinical assistant is a non-licensed employee whose duties include:

- 1. Collecting general health data, such as the taking of an oral history or vital sign measurements
- 2. Applying therapeutic procedures, such as thermal, sound, light and electrical modalities, and hydrotherapy
- 3. Monitoring prescribed rehabilitative activities

Chiropractic clinical assistants may not provide a chiropractic adjustment, manual therapy, nutritional instruction, counseling, or any other therapeutic service that requires individual licensure.

The legislation lays out several requirements and proficiencies an applicant for chiropractic clinical assistant certification must meet. The bill gives the NC Board of Chiropractic Examiners the authority to develop the materials necessary to test and licensure applicants. The Board shall set the fee for the initial certification and renewal. The fee may not exceed \$50.

### **ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

Fiscal Research does not foresee any costs to the State as a result of this legislation. According to General Statute 90-156, all expenses of the Board shall be paid out of the revenues collected from licensure and renewal fees. All funds collected by the Board are held in a private bank account, which receives no money from the State. The legislation will increase the receipts of the Board due to the fees from chiropractic clinical assistant applications but the Board receives no appropriation so there will be no General Fund impact.

SOURCES OF DATA: North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners

## TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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