

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 598 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Substance-Exposed Newborns Protection Plans.

SPONSOR(S): Senators D. Davis, Pate, and B. Jackson

FISCAL IMPACT					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available		
	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Impact					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
Special Fund Revenues:					
Special Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
NET STATE IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Local Impact					
Revenues:					
Expenditures:					
NET LOCAL IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<p>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: The Department of Health and Human Services, the Division of Social Service, Child Protective Services Program.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.</p> <p>TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None</p>					

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 598 requires county departments of social services to follow rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the development of protection plans for, and child protective services assessments of, substance-exposed newborns. County departments are required to use structured decision-making tools as well as family service agreements for substance-exposed newborn cases. The family service agreements are required to address the newborn's need for medical care appointments; access to, and cooperation with, health care resources; the parent's participation in substance abuse treatment; the need for routine substance abuse screening; and visitation planning if the newborn is placed out of the home.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The Division of Social Services reports no costs associated with this bill. The Division reports that there would be no significant impact to workloads due to this bill. The Department of Health and Human Services reports no significant impacts to any other divisions of the department.

SOURCES OF DATA: The Department of Health and Human Services, and the Division of Social Services.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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