

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 533

SHORT TITLE: Occupational Health/Reporting

SPONSOR(S): Senator Forrester

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase () Decrease ()
 Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()
 No Impact (X) (For first five years - See "Technical Considerations")
 No Estimate Available ()

FUNDS AFFECTED: General Fund () Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
 Other Fund (X)

BILL SUMMARY:

Adds new Art. 20 to GS Ch. 130A. Requires Comm'n for Health Services to adopt rules establishing list of occupational diseases, illnesses, conditions, and injuries to be reported to Dep't of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources. Requires physician who treats person for such disease, illness, etc. to report required information to Dep't. Medical facility with patient with such disease, illness, etc. must report required information to Dep't. Person in charge of clinical or pathological laboratory providing diagnostic service in State must report to Dep't laboratory findings concerning such disease, illness, etc. as required by Comm'n. Person who makes report under Article is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as result of making report. Effective Jan. 1, 1994. Introduced by Forrester.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1994

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>
EXPENDITURES	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	
\$50,000					
RECURRING					
NON-RECURRING					
REVENUES/RECEIPTS	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	
\$50,000					
RECURRING					
NON-RECURRING					

POSITIONS: .5 (half-time position) each year

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

- (1) Occupational Health Reporting System will be self-supporting due to award of five year federal grant. Without grant, cost of system would be \$50,000 annually.
- (2) Reporting System will include only asbestoses and silicosis illnesses; expansion of data system for other illnesses is likely to increase future costs.
- (3) Limited reporting requirements by State facilities.

SOURCES OF DATA: Environment, Health, and Natural Resources
Epidemiology Division

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Federal funding for this program is for 5 years only. Other funding sources will need to be identified to continue program after five years.

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