

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1140

SHORT TITLE: Littering/Require Community Service

SPONSOR(S): Representative R Hunter; Baddour, Hightower, Mosley

FISCAL IMPACT

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

FY 1997-98 FY 1998-99 FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES No Fiscal Impact

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Community Service Work Program, Crime Control and Public Safety; Judicial Branch

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1997; applies to offenses committed on or after that date

BILL SUMMARY: 1140. LITTERING/REQUIRE COMM. SERVICE. TO PROVIDE THAT COMMUNITY SERVICE BE IMPOSED FOR A CONVICTION OF LITTERING. Amends GS 14-399 to require community service for certain littering offenses. For a first offense of littering less than 16 lbs, requires from 8 to 24 hours service; for a second offense, from 24 to 100 hours. For the offense of littering between 16 and 500 lbs, requires community service of from 24 to 100 hours

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, about 1,800 people are convicted of littering per year. Both the AOC and the Community Service Work Program agree that many of these offenders are already required to do community service, at the discretion of the judge. Information is not available, however, as to the exact percentage. *Requiring* community service for litterers will increase the number of offenders who must participate in the community service work program, but to an extent that can be absorbed within existing resources. (The program already has over 70,000 admissions per year) The Judicial Branch does not anticipate a substantial increase in workload from this bill.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: A \$100 fee is required by statute for offenders participating in the Community Service Work Program but is not mentioned in the bill.

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