

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1142

SHORT TITLE: Tuition Waivers/Emergency Workers

SPONSOR(S): Representative Redwine

FISCAL IMPACT

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

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) University System and Community Colleges

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1997 and applies to deaths or disabilities occurring on or after that date.

BILL SUMMARY: Allows free tuition to the children and spouse of a deceased or disabled law enforcement officer, firefighter or volunteer firefighter whose death or disability occurs while in the line of duty.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: There is an average of 6 line-of-duty deaths of law enforcement officers and firemen per year. There is an average of 6 line-of-duty disability cases among firemen per year. There is an average of 63 disabled law enforcement officers per year but we have no way of determining the number of cases as a result of a line of duty injury. If the assumption was made that one-third are as a result of line-of-duty injuries, this gives an estimated total of 33 occurrences per year. However, we have no information on how many of these law enforcement officers or firemen have spouses or how many children they have or the ages of the children, therefore no reliable estimates can be made as the cost of this proposed legislation.

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