

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2009

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1366 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Create Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Coates, Glazier, Goforth, and Steen

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No (X)	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>
REVENUES	-	-	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-
POSITIONS (cumulative):	N/A				
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Administration					
EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009.					

BILL SUMMARY:

This bill creates the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs and calls for a Type I transfer of the Division of Veterans Affairs from the Department of Administration to the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs. This bill is identical to Senate Bill 973.

8Source: Bill Digest H.B. 1366 (04/09/0200).

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Administration's Division of Veterans Affairs anticipates that House Bill 1366 will have no fiscal impact. This bill proposes a Type I transfer of the existing Division of Veterans Affairs from the Department of Administration to a newly-created Department of Military & Veterans Affairs. According to GS 143A-6, a Type I transfer entails moving all or part of an existing agency to another department; this includes transferring all of the agency's statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations or other funds, and all functions of budgeting and purchasing. When an agency is transferred in this manner, all its prescribed powers, duties, and functions—including but not limited to rule making, regulation, licensing, and promulgation of rules, rates, regulations, and

standards, and the rendering of findings, orders, and adjudications are transferred to the head of the department into which the agency has been transferred.

Following the direction of HB 1366, the impact of this Type I transfer on the Division of Veterans Affairs would entail a) changing the name of the agency and b) moving the division from a departmental to a cabinet-level agency. Fiscal Research estimates that adjustments incurred by the name change, such as stationery, website name, and business cards, would be minor and could be absorbed into the division's current budget. Therefore, in the absence of expressed direction regarding further expansion of services or personnel, the changes proposed by this bill would make no substantive changes to the current structure of the Division of Veterans Affairs and therefore would have no fiscal impact on the State.

SOURCES OF DATA: Division of Veterans Affairs

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Article III, section 11 of the North Carolina Constitution limits the number of principal departments to 25. There are 22 principal departments in the State.

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