

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2017

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 804 (First Edition)
SHORT TITLE: Add Additional ADA to District 9.
SPONSOR(S): Representatives B. Richardson and Garrison

FISCAL IMPACT					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available		
State Impact	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:	\$123,942	\$126,295	\$133,535	\$140,341	\$145,297
State Positions:					
NET STATE IMPACT	(\$123,942)	(\$126,295)	(\$133,535)	(\$140,341)	(\$145,297)
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:					
Administrative Office of the Courts					
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017					
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:					
None					

BILL SUMMARY:

The bill amends G.S. 7A-60, District attorneys and prosecutorial districts, to increase the assistant district attorney (ADA) positions in District 9, Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren counties, from ten ADAs to eleven ADAs.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The bill adds one assistant district attorney position to District 9. Total costs in the first year will be \$123,942. Costs shown in the table above have been increased for inflation according to rates provided by Moody's economy.com in January, 2017. Nonrecurring costs are only shown in the first year.

The Administrative Office of the Courts provides salary and operating cost information for most court positions. S.L. 2016-94, 2016 Appropriations Act, set the ADA salary allotment at \$76,073. Total salary and benefits for an ADA are \$99,974 (\$76,073 salary plus \$5,820 social security plus \$12,422 retirement plus \$5,659 health care).

In addition to the salary and benefit costs, there are operating costs for these positions. Total operating costs in the first year will be \$23,968, including \$3,752 in nonrecurring costs. The following table lists the operating costs associated with an assistant district attorney position.

Operating Costs for New ADA Position FY 2017-18		
Item	Amount	Recurring/Nonrecurring
Transcripts, Records, and Briefs	\$3,000	Recurring
Court Exhibits	\$1,000	Recurring
Expert Witness Fees	\$5,300	Recurring
Maintenance Agreements	\$2,562	Recurring
Travel	\$2,453	Recurring
Telecom. Data Charges	\$1,699	Recurring
Postage	\$460	Recurring
Training and Registration	\$1,680	Recurring
General Office Supplies	\$1,062	Recurring
Reference Materials	\$500	Recurring
Other Administrative Expenses	\$500	Recurring
Subtotal Recurring Expenses	\$20,216	
PC/Telecom/Printer Support Services	\$600	Nonrecurring
Office Furniture	\$411	Nonrecurring
Person Computer, Software, and Equipment	\$2,741	Nonrecurring
Subtotal Nonrecurring Expenses	\$3,752	
Total Operating Costs First Year	\$23,968	

SOURCES OF DATA: Administrative Office of the Courts

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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