

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2017

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 83 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Raise Awareness of Lupus.

SPONSOR(S): Senators Robinson and Foushee

FISCAL IMPACT					
(\$ in thousands)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available		
	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
State Impact					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:	\$42.1	\$42.1	\$42.1	\$43.9	\$45.5
Special Fund Revenues:					
Special Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
NET STATE IMPACT	(\$42.1)	(\$42.1)	(\$42.1)	(\$43.9)	(\$45.5)
Local Impact					
Revenues:					
Expenditures:					
NET LOCAL IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Health and Human Services					
EFFECTIVE DATE: Act becomes effective when it becomes law.					
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None					

BILL SUMMARY: S83. RAISE AWARENESS OF LUPUS. (February 14, 2017)

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH AND ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LUPUS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Enacts new GS 103-15 designating May as Lupus Awareness Month. Enacts new Part 6A in Article 1B of GS Chapter 130A establishing the 15-member Lupus Advisory Council (Council). Sets out the Council's duties, including making recommendations to the Governor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services aimed at improving patient health status and examining the financing of, and access to, health services. Sets out Council membership and provisions for

electing the chairperson, establishing a quorum, paying member expenses, and providing Council support.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Lupus is an auto-immune disease with no known prevention. Senate Bill 83 designates May as Lupus Awareness Month and establishes a 15-member Lupus Advisory Council. The Department of Health and Human Services proposes to house the newly established advisory council in the Division of Public Health, Chronic Disease and Injury Section (CDI). CDI currently focuses on the chronic diseases that are the leading causes of death and disability in North Carolina. The CDI does not presently have budgeted staff and support to track diseases with a lower incidence rate in the State’s population. Present CDI resources are assigned to track more frequently prevalent diseases; for example, cancer, which has an incidence rate of 4% of the State’s population. The incidence of Lupus in the State’s population is estimated at 0.5% (approximately 45,000 persons); thus, additional costs would need to be incurred by CDI to track Lupus and support the proposed advisory council.

DPH would have to hire staff with the subject matter expertise to support the newly established advisory council in carrying out the duties and responsibilities set forth in S.B. 83. The CDI Section projects that a half-time Public Health Program Coordinator position would be required to support the advisory council. The annual position cost would be \$24,870, including salary and FICA. In addition, nonrecurring costs for the position in the first year would be approximately \$1,500 for furniture, equipment, and a computer.

S.B. 84 establishes a 15-member advisory council and requires that each member receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses. DPH assumes that the advisory council will meet twice per year. Advisory council expenses include travel/subsistence, meeting room rental, clerical support, postage, supplies, and copying costs. As shown in the table below, the total annual estimated cost of a Lupus Advisory Council would range from around \$42,100 to \$46,700.

Description	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22
PH Program Coordinator Position Cost	\$24,870	\$26,194	\$27,783	\$29,280	\$30,370
Furniture /equipment/computer	\$1,500				
Supplies, IT, other administrative costs	\$ 4,853	\$4,925	\$5,001	\$5,071	\$5,121
Council Members Travel and Subsistence	\$3,000	\$3,087	\$3,179	\$3,263	\$3,325
Room rental and other meeting costs	5524	5611	5703	5787	5849
Total	\$42,148	\$42,131	\$43,887	\$45,538	\$46,740

SOURCES OF DATA: Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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