



# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2023 Session

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**Short Title:** Firearm in Unattended Vehicle/Safely Store.  
**Bill Number:** House Bill 53 (First Edition)  
**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Morey, Rep. Autry, Rep. Logan, and Rep. Longest

### SUMMARY TABLE

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.53, V.1

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>FY 2026-27</u>	<u>FY 2027-28</u>	<u>FY 2028-29</u>
<b>State Impact</b>					
General Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Less Expenditures</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>General Fund Impact</b>	<b>No Fiscal Impact – See Incarceration Note</b>				

#### NET STATE IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact – See Incarceration Note

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** See Technical Considerations Section

### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the State beyond a potential impact to the State’s criminal justice system. Those costs are detailed in the Incarceration Note associated with this bill. Please see that [Note](#) for additional information.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

Section 1 of H. B. 53 would amend G.S. 14-269 by creating a new Class 2 misdemeanor for leaving an unsecured firearm, as defined by G.S. 14-408.1, in an unlocked and unattended motor vehicle. Under the proposed legislation, a firearm can be secured by either 1) using a trigger lock or similar safety device, or 2) being stored in a locked container. Section 2 lists the effective date for the bill as December 1, 2023.

This bill consists only of the creation of a new criminal penalty. Fiscal Research estimates the fiscal impact of new criminal penalties on the State’s criminal justice system in Incarceration Notes. Please see the Incarceration Note associated with this bill for cost considerations for this proposed legislation.

### TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The current version of the bill (as of May 2, 2024) lists the effective date as December 1, 2023.



## **DATA SOURCES**

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N/A

## **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS**

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