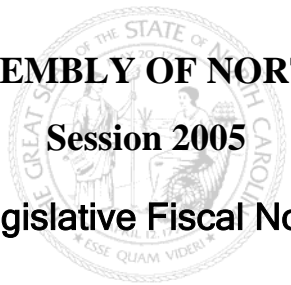


GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2005

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 593 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Copy Costs in Indigent Cases.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Kinnaird

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No ()	No Estimate Available (X)		
	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>
REVENUES:					
General Fund	No estimate available: See Assumptions and Methodology				
POSITIONS (cumulative):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Office of Indigent Defense Services					
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005					

BILL SUMMARY: Senate Bill 593 would provide an exception to the collection of certain miscellaneous fees by the clerk of superior court. The clerk would not charge for preparing copies requested by counsel appointed to represent an indigent person at State expense so long as the request is made in connection with the appointed case and is during the period of appointment.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Many clerk's offices currently waive the fee for preparing copies for counsel appointed in indigent cases. When the fee is charged, the cost is billed to the Office of Indigent Defense Services by the appointed counsel for reimbursement from State funds. The money paid by appointed counsel is remitted by the clerk to the State General Fund.

There is no data available on which to base a projection for this legislation. Since it is already current practice for most clerks to waive the fee for indigent cases, it is likely this bill would have little, if any, fiscal impact.

SOURCES OF DATA: Office of Indigent Defense Services

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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