

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 173 Relabel Prior Misdemeanor Convictions

SHORT TITLE: Relabel Prior Misdemeanor Convictions

SPONSOR(S): Representative Neely

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

(in millions)

FY 1997-98 FY 1998-99 FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02

GENERAL FUND

Correction

Recurring
Nonrecurring

No Fiscal Impact - Only Makes Technical Changes

Judicial

Recurring
Nonrecurring

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

POSITIONS: It is anticipated that approximately 0 positions would be needed to supervise the additional inmates housed under this bill. This is based on inmate to employee ratios, provided by the Division of Prisons, for close, medium, and minimum custody facilities (These position totals include security, program, and administrative personnel.).

Close – 2 to 1
Medium – 3 to 1
Minimum – 4 to 1

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Dept. of Correction; Judicial Branch

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1997.

BILL SUMMARY: Amends GS 15A-1340.21(b) to rename prior conviction levels for misdemeanor sentencing A, B, and C (currently I, II, and III, respectively).

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Department of Correction

This legislation attempts to clarify structured sentencing by relabeling misdemeanor prior conviction levels. Specifically, it changes misdemeanor prior conviction levels from roman numerals to letters. These technical changes do not affect the prison population and, therefore, have no fiscal impact on the Department of Correction.

SOURCES OF DATA: North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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