

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 1072

**SHORT TITLE:** Prevent School Violence

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Nelson Cole

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Yes (x)      No ( )      **No Estimate Available (x)**

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

**REVENUES**

**EXPENDITURES**

Local school boards      Cost estimate not available

**POSITIONS:**

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &**

**PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** State Board of Education and Local school boards

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Effective upon ratification

**BILL SUMMARY:** Adds new GS 115C-397.1 requiring local boards of education (1) to adopt procedures for (a) identifying students who need guidance or counseling to prevent violent behavior and (b) establishing case management plans for those students, and (2) to publish these procedures and make them available to each student and the student's parent or guardian at the start of each school year. Provides that a plan established for a student may require the parent or guardian to participate in case management meetings and in services the case management team recommended, which may include instructions in parenting, family literacy, and parental involvement skills, including nonviolent living skills. If a parent or guardian does not take advantage of such assistance, the case management team must determine whether overriding factors need to be addressed. When all opportunities for increasing parental

involvement are exhausted and the parent or guardian still fails to fulfill parental responsibilities, school personnel have the option of pursuing contempt of court charges directed at the parent or guardian. Requires State Board of Education to provide technical assistance to local boards and to identify resources local boards may use in implementing the act.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

Local boards of education would be required to pay any cost associated with adopting procedures for identifying students in need of counseling or guidance to prevent violent behavior. **No estimate available; data on numbers of students that might be identified, is not known.**

Procedures adopted by the local board are required to be published and made available to parents and students.

Where students are identified as needing counseling services, both the parent and the student may be required to participate in the case management meetings. School systems will have to provide the personnel to serve on the case management teams. **No estimate available.**

Local school systems would pay any cost associated with a contempt of court proceeding against the parent or guardian. **No estimate is available on the number of possible contempt cases, until final procedures established and adopted, and individual cases proceed through various "stages" provided, and all other options are exhausted, except contempt of court filings.**

State Board to provide technical assistance. **No cost estimate available until statewide workload assessment could be determined.**

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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