

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2009

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 673 (Third Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Support for Developmental Disabilities Services

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Earle, Barnhart, Brisson, and Hurley

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No ()	No Estimate Available (x)		
	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>
REVENUES					
EXPENDITURES					
POSITIONS (cumulative):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services					
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009					

BILL SUMMARY:

This bill requires Local Management Entities (LME's) and the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services to develop a waiting list of individuals waiting for specific services. There will be rules adopted governing a state-wide waiting list for services, to ensure consistency in reporting. The LME's will report annually to the Division and the Division will compile and report on the information.

The bill requires the Division to develop new developmental disability service definitions for those services paid for through state fund allocations through Local Management Entities.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

This language would require the Division to create new state-funded service definitions for developmental disabilities. These new service definitions may allow providers to begin billing for services currently not being paid for through state funds. The cost of this service cannot be determined since it is not yet known what the new service definitions will be and how many individuals will utilize the service. Additionally, it is not known whether there will be an

increased fiscal impact since it is not known if these service definitions will replace current service definitions or will be in addition to the current services already provided and allowed for through state-funded services.

The Division, in coordination with Local Management Entities, is required to develop a waiting list for services. There is a cost associated with this requirement. Many LME's already track patients needing services but cannot access services; the Division will coordinate this at the state level which will require staff time to compile and analyze this data. There is no estimate available on the number of staff hours required annually to collect, analyze, and report the data.

SOURCES OF DATA:

Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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