

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2009

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1019 (Third Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Establish NC Financial Literacy Council.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Stein

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No (X)	No Estimate Available ()		
	<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:	No significant fiscal impact anticipated				
EXPENDITURES:					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Department of Justice				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	This act is effective when it becomes law.				

BILL SUMMARY:

This bill establishes the NC Financial Literacy Council to coordinate and expand the statewide delivery of financial education for all North Carolinians and does the following:

- Enacts new Article 8 (Financial Literacy Council) in GS Chapter 114 establishing the Council within the Department of Justice.
- The council consists of 18 members appointed by the Governor from various entities and departments, with 3-year terms.
- Administrative and staff support shall be provided by the Department of Justice and the Council shall meet at least quarterly.
- Enacts GS 114-54 specifying the Council’s duties and GS 114-55 providing that upon request, all state officers, agents, agencies, and departments are required to provide information and data to the Council. Expands the data and information that state entities are to furnish to the Council upon request to include all information and data pertinent to financial education activities.
- Provides that a majority of the NC Financial Literacy Council’s (Council) members constitute a quorum.
- Specifies Financial Literacy Council (Council) must consider and make recommendations to address unique financial issues facing students in higher education and how to address those issues through community colleges and public and private university systems.

Clarifies that the Council must use talents, expertise, and resources of the public and private university systems (was, the State university system), to further its mission.

- Adds a provision to allow public members of the Council to receive subsistence and travel expenses.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Department of Justice

The Department of Justice (DOJ) staff reports to Fiscal Research that the agency does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact resulting from the implementation of this bill, however, if DOJ's budget is significantly reduced they may no longer have the resources (*about \$10,000 annually*) to cover the requirements of this bill. DOJ currently performs similar educational and public service functions within their Consumer Protection Division and the Department believes that the requirements of this bill can be performed with those existing resources. If this bill is enacted into law, DOJ will monitor the fiscal impact resulting from this bill and will seek expansion funds if it is determined that additional funds are necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of this bill.

SOURCES OF DATA: NC Department of Justice

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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