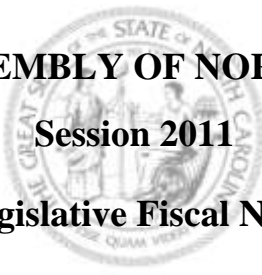


GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2011

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 243 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Certificates Under Seal in Indigent Cases/Fee.

SPONSOR(S): Representative Jackson

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No ()	No Estimate Available (X)		
	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>	<u>FY 2014-15</u>	<u>FY 2015-16</u>
REVENUE					
EXPENDITURES					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Judicial Branch					
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011					

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed legislation amends G.S. 7A-308(b1) to add certificates under seal as a category of service for which a clerk of superior court cannot charge a fee when the certificate is requested by an attorney representing an indigent client. The act applies to fees assessed or collected on or after July 1, 2011.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Office of Indigent Defense Services

The Office of Indigent Defense Services (IDS) does not track actual expenses associated with certificates under seal, so they are unable to estimate the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation.

Administrative Office of the Courts

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) does not have an account for certificates under seal fees separate from other copying or miscellaneous fees. Thus, AOC cannot determine the amount of General Fund revenue that is currently received for certificates under seal, or the amount of the reduction due to the proposed legislation.

SOURCES OF DATA: Judicial Branch

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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