



# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Session 2021

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**Short Title:** Juv. Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training.-AB  
**Bill Number:** House Bill 183 (First Edition)  
**Sponsor(s):** Representatives McNeill, Carter, Greene, and Richardson

### SUMMARY TABLE

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.183, V.1

	<u>FY 2021-22</u>	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>
<b>State Impact</b>					
General Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
<b>General Fund Impact</b>	<b>No Fiscal Impact</b>				
<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>No Fiscal Impact</b>				

### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

Fiscal Research staff analysis of Department of Public Safety data and information suggest that the requirements proposed by Sections 1 and 3 of the bill could be addressed within existing resources. As a result, Fiscal Research staff believe that the bill proposal would have no fiscal impact.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

Section 1 of the bill would amend G.S. 114-12.1 by making the Juvenile Justice Section (JJS) of the Department of Public Safety responsible for creating, implementing, and evaluating Juvenile Minority Sensitivity Training (JMST) annually. Section 3 of the bill would amend G.S. 143B-831 by striking from the duties and powers of the court or chief of court counselors the ability to assign and direct other duties to juvenile court counselors.

Section 1 of the bill would require JJS to provide JMST to all staff. The North Carolina Department of Justice's (DOJ) Justice Academy currently has developed JMST that is intended for sworn law enforcement officers. This bill would allow JJS to customize this training for the Juvenile Justice workforce.

JJS already provides JMST to a portion of JJ staff. Fiscal finds that JJS would not realize any additional costs to provide the training to all staff. JJS would be able to develop relevant and up-to-date training each year with existing training staff.

Section 3 of the bill would strike language that is no longer relevant to court counselors' duties. This section would no longer allow the court to assign other duties to court counselors, thus ensuring that the duties of a court counselor remain within the scope the JJS.

## **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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N/A.

## **DATA SOURCES**

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## **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS**

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## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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