



# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2023 Session

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**Short Title:** State Bar Authority for Certain Fees.-AB  
**Bill Number:** House Bill 194 (First Edition)  
**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Stevens

### SUMMARY TABLE

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.194, V.1

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>FY 2026-27</u>	<u>FY 2027-28</u>
<b>State Impact</b>					
Other Fund Revenues	4,988	6,650	6,650	6,650	6,650
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other Fund Impact</b>	<b>4,988</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>6,650</b>
<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>4,988</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>6,650</b>

### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

H.B. 194 amends G.S. 84-34.2, Specific statutory authority for certain fees, to permit the Council of the North Carolina State Bar to impose administrative fees on attorneys under noncompliance suspensions or participating in diversion programs offered by the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar. The bill is effective October 1, 2023.

Utilizing the estimated fee amounts provided by the North Carolina State Bar, Fiscal Research estimates the administrative fees will generate at least \$6,550 annually to the North Carolina State Bar.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

On average over the last five years, one attorney has received a noncompliance suspension each year. The North Carolina State Bar has not yet determined the proposed fee amount for noncompliance suspensions but anticipates it will be at least \$350 and potentially as high as \$750. Thus, Fiscal Research anticipates this fee will generate at least \$350 annually to the North Carolina State Bar.

On average over the last five years, 18 attorneys have participated in a diversion program each year. The North Carolina State Bar has not yet determined the proposed fee amount for participating in a diversion program but expects it to be at least \$350, which is the amount charged to attorneys who receive discipline. Thus, Fiscal Research anticipates this fee will generate at least \$6,300 annually to the North Carolina State Bar.

## **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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N/A.

## **DATA SOURCES**

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR

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

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## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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