

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Research  
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 Approved By: Sam Byrd | | | | Senators Simpson and  
 | | | | Sponsor: Kincaid  
 Short Title: Open Parole Process to Victims

TYPE OF FISCAL IMPACT	COUNTY		FUNDS AFFECTED:			
	State Gov't	Local Gov't	(X) General	( ) Highway	( ) Local	
			State Fiscal Impact	FY 89-90	FY 90-91	FY
No Fiscal Impact	( )	( )	State Total Req'ments	\$12,168	\$12,168	
			Receipts/Revenues	-0-	-0-	
Increase Expenditure	(X)	( )	Net State Expend./Rev.	\$12,168	\$12,168	
			No. of Positions	.5	.5	
Decrease Expenditure	( )	( )				
			Local Fiscal Impact	FY	FY	FY
Increase Revenue	( )	( )	Local Total Req'ments			
			Receipts/Revenues			
Decrease Revenue	( )	( )	Net Local Expend./Rev.			
No Estimate Avail.	( )	( )	No. of Positions			

Description of Legislation

- Summary of Legislation: Provides that victims of the crime be notified in advance of parole consideration.
- Effective Date: 10-1-89
- Fund or Tax Affected: General Fund
- Principal Department/Program Affected: Department of Correction, Parole Commission

Cost or Revenue Impact on State

FY	FY	FY
88-89	89-90	90-91

1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues

2. Recurring Costs/Revenues	--	\$12,168	\$12,168
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3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions

Cost/Revenue Impact on County or Local Government

	FY	FY	FY
	88-89	89-90	
1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues			
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues			
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions			

Sources of Data for Fiscal Note

North Carolina Parole Commission

Technical Considerations/Comments

According to Sam Boyd, Administrator of the N.C. Parole Commission, the law now requires that when a victim of A through G felonies requests notification of parole consideration for the inmate who committed the crime, the Parole Commission must notify the victim in advance. For victims of H, I, and J felonies and misdemeanor crimes, the Parole Commission notifies the individual of the decision if the victim so requests.

It is estimated that only about 400-500 requests for notification were received during 1988. There were 14,307 paroles granted in Calendar Year 1988.

Normally, the name and address of the victim are not readily available to the Parole Commission. In order to establish the most efficient process of notifying victims, it would be necessary to include the victim's name and address on the inmate's court commitment paper. When the inmate's file is then considered in the initial stages of parole investigation in the central office, notification would be sent to the victim.

In order to mail notification to the victims of the 14,307 parolees in CY 1988,

postage, at the present rate, and office supplies would cost \$4,008. It would also be necessary to hire a half-time Clerk-Typist II and this would cost approximately \$8,160 per year at the 1988 salary rate. Thus a total of approximately \$12,168 would be needed if the commitment paper included the name and address of the victim.



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