

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 65

SHORT TITLE: U.S. Flag/Pledge in Classrooms

SPONSOR(S): Representative Ken Miller and others

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase (X) Decrease ()
 Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()
 No Impact ()
 No Estimate Available ()

FUND AFFECTED: General Fund (X) Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
 Other Funds ()

BILL SUMMARY:

Provides a United States flag for every public school classroom and requires the students to recite the pledge of allegiance every day. Adds a new GS 115C-47(29a) directing local boards of education to adopt policies to the display of the US flag in each classroom and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the first class of each day in all grades. The policy must direct the teacher in charge to announce that the class will stand and recite the pledge and that children electing not to recite the pledge may stand in respectful silence. Directs the State Board of Education to use funds in the budget of the Department of Public Instruction to purchase flags and make them available in sufficient numbers for each school administrative unit. Effective on ratification, and local policies are to be in place by January 1, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1996

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: State Board of Education; Department of Public Instruction; Local boards of education.

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY95-96</u>	<u>FY96-97</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>
	<u>FY</u>			

EXPENDITURES

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

STATE FUNDS \$.661-\$4.8 M. \$.661-\$4.8 M.

FEDERAL FUNDS

LOCAL FUNDS

OTHER FUNDS

RECEIPTS/FEES

POSITIONS: None

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Under House Bill 65 the State Board of Education would select the American flag to be distributed to each classroom. The bill does not appropriate funds to the board nor does it specify the quality of the flag that might be selected. Thus the cost will vary based on the flag quality and stand that the board selects. The following table illustrates the cost differences.

Assumption: Purchase an American flag for 100% of North Carolina K-12 classrooms.

Flag Cost	Stand	#Classrooms	Total Cost
\$13.23	Includes, wall mounted staff and bracket	50,000	\$661,500
\$11.75	\$24.60	50,000	\$1,817,500
\$18.90	\$24.60	50,000	\$2,175,000
\$96.36	Included	50,000	\$4,818,000

SOURCES OF DATA: Division of Purchase and Contract, Department of Administration

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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