

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 624 Committee Substitute #2

SHORT TITLE: Abortion/Right to Know

SPONSOR(S): Representative Michael Decker

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

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

BILL SUMMARY: This bill requires the voluntary and informed consent of pregnant women, except in the case of medical emergencies, prior to the performance of an abortion. Specifically, the bill requires that a woman be provided certain information pertaining to medical assistance benefits available, the medical risks associated with abortions and various related information. Additionally, individuals who knowingly violate the proposed law may be found guilty of a class I misdemeanor. The bill requires the Department of Human Resources to: (1) publish written materials for the purpose of educating pregnant women seeking abortion services, (2) collect report annually certain statistical information from physicians who perform abortions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1996 (see Technical Considerations Section)

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Human Resources, Department of Corrections and Administrative Office of the Courts.

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u> 1996-97	<u>FY</u> 1997-98	<u>FY</u> 1998-99	<u>FY</u> 1999-00	2000-01	<u>FY</u>
REVENUES:						
GENERAL FUND	\$141,465	\$153,949	\$157,527	\$161,213		\$165,
HIGHWAY FUND						
HIGHWAY TRUST FUND						
LOCAL						

EXPENDITURES

POSITIONS: 1.0

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The following assumptions were used:

- (1) no 24-hour hotline (the bill is permissive on this item);

- (2) a 3% inflationary factor for each fiscal year beyond FY1996/97;
- (3) 35,000 pamphlets printed in English each year approximately \$5,460 (estimate provided by N.C. Prison Industries - black and white colors only);
- (4) 35,000 services directories printed in English each year approximately \$75,305 (estimate provided by N.C. Prison Industries);
- (5) 2,000 copies of Items 3 and 4 printed in Spanish each year approximately \$20,000 (costs are higher due to smaller numbers of documents to be printed);
- (6) 22,000 forms provided to physicians each year (each form is 2 pages with a cost of \$0.04/page);
- (7) 1.0 additional position (approximately \$38,660 for the first year and \$34,660 thereafter) is needed to compile and analyze data, coordinate physician reporting; monitor physician reporting compliance, update the directory of services and prepare the mandated annual report;
- (8) \$6,000 in start up costs (a) translation services (\$1,000) for materials written in Spanish, (b) copyright costs (\$1,000) for photographs of fetal development, and (c) equipment costs (\$4,000) for staff;
- (9) mailing of materials to physicians \$6250; and
- (10) no fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections or the Administrative Office of the Courts.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Human Resources; Administrative Office of the Courts; Department of Administration; Department of Corrections; and Other States with similar legislation.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: The current version of HB624 CS #2 contains an effective date of December 1, 1995. Since the effective date is no longer valid, this fiscal note assumes an amendment to move the effective date to 12/1/96 will occur.

This bill is similar to G.S. 14-45.1, Section (c), amended I the 1973 Session Laws, which requires the State Board of Health to prescribe and collect on an annual basis, from providers where abortions area performed, representative samplings of statistical summary reports concerning the medical and demographic characteristics of the abortions performed in the state. The State Board of Health is currently performing this function. The potential for consolidation and centralization of current and proposed data collection and reporting requirements exists.

Consideration might be given to transferring certain provisions in the bill to the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources (DEHNR). DEHNR is responsible for policy direction, program development and supervision of maternal and child health across the state. Given the nature of the educational materials and reporting requirements addressed in the bill, DEHNR may provide the best "fit."

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