

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 235 “Kids First” Registration Plates

SHORT TITLE: “Kids First” Registration Plates

SPONSOR(S): Senator Hagan

	FISCAL IMPACT				
	Yes (x)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>
REVENUES					
Highway Fund					
Special Reg. Plate Account	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
NC Children’s Trust Fund	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
EXPENDITURES					
Special Reg. Plate Account	(\$856)				
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, and North Carolina Children’s Trust Fund.					
EFFECTIVE DATE: When it becomes law.					

BILL SUMMARY: The legislation authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue “Kids First” special registration plates. It instructs the Department to develop the plate only after 300 or more applications for the plate are received. A special fee of \$25.00 (in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee) is also authorized. Ten dollars of this amount goes to the Special Registration Plate Account, and fifteen dollars will be deposited in the Collegiate and Cultural Attractions Plate Account (CCAPA). The proceeds from the plate deposited in the CCAPA are transferred quarterly to the North Carolina Children’s Trust Fund.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: In addition to the normal \$20.00 registration fee every owner of a private passenger vehicle pays, there is a \$25.00 fee for each specialized “Kids First” plate. Because there is no way to determine how many of the “Kids First” plates will be requested, this fiscal note assumes the issuance of the minimum 300 license plates in FY 1999-00. As a result, the bill raises a total of \$7,500 (\$25 X 300 plates). Three thousand dollars

(\$3000.00) of this amount goes to the SRPA. Four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) is deposited in the CCAPA. However, at the end of each quarter the funds deposited in the CCAPA are transferred to the North Carolina Children's Trust Fund. Therefore, the North Carolina Children's Trust Fund actually gains \$4,500.00. The note also assumes that those plates will be renewed in the following years.

According to the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Corrections, there is a one-time cost of \$100 to design the new plate. There is also a production cost of \$2.52 per plate (This assumes a basic one color design. If the design is more complex, or requires more color, the per plate cost increases). The total production cost for 300 basic plates is \$856.00.

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