

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 582 (2nd Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Establish Commission on Childhood Obesity

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Purcell

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (x)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2004-05</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005-06</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2006-07</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2007-08</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>				
	<b>(Funding to be obtained from Federal or private sources)</b>				
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	(\$28,500)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>POSITIONS:</b> (cumulative)	.30 FTE	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> Department of Health and Human Services					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> July 1, 2003					

**BILL SUMMARY:** A commission of 27 members, composed of legislators and non-legislators, will be established to combat childhood obesity. The Commission will conduct a study on the causes of obesity in North Carolina's children, identify the socioeconomic issues associated with childhood obesity, and develop a plan for prevention. In addition, the Commission will advise the General Assembly on appropriate legislative actions to achieve its goals. The Commission shall make recommendations to the General Assembly on nutritional guidelines for food served in public schools, physical education and activities in public schools, and healthy and nutritional behavior by students and their families.

The Department may use federal and/or private funding to support activities of the Commission and no state funds will be utilized for these efforts. The Commission will expire following submittal of a report to the General Assembly in May 2004.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The budget assumes members of the Commission will meet four times annually and receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence, totaling approximately \$8,500.

- The Commission will be staffed through existing resources within the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health.
- The staffing requirement will be approximately 30% of a Nutritionist's time, approximately \$20,000.
- The information related to the study of the obesity epidemic and plan for elimination among North Carolina children will be provided through a variety of resources within the Division of Public Health and will build upon existing documents and research already conducted.
- The Nutritionist assigned to this project will coordinate the study activities and prepare the necessary planning documents.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** North Carolina General Assembly Administrative Division, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health

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