

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2007

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 334 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Fair Housing Act Amendment.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Kinnaird

FISCAL IMPACT						
	Yes ( )		No ( )		No Estimate Available (X)	
	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>						
Civil Penalty & Forfeiture Fund	Amount of civil penalty proceeds is indeterminate.					
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
Dept. of Administration	No significant impact anticipated.					
Judicial Branch						
Office of Administrative Hearings	Impact cannot be determined. See Assumptions and Methodology.					
<b>POSITIONS</b> (cumulative):	None anticipated.					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> Department of Administration, Human Relations Commission; Judicial Branch; Office of Administrative Hearings.						
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> Upon ratification.						

**BILL SUMMARY:** This bill amends G.S. 41A-4 to include the receipt of *housing assistance* as a protected status from unlawful discriminatory housing practices as described in the State Fair Housing Act. The bill also makes conforming changes to G.S. 41A-5 and G.S. 41A-6(a) and amends G.S. 41A-3 to define housing assistance for the purposes of the act.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The Human Relations Commission of the Department of Administration states that while there may be an increase in the number of complaints that will result from including the receipt of housing assistance as a protected status from unlawful discriminatory housing practices as described in the State Fair Housing Act, the fiscal impact of this increase will be negligible on the internal operations of the Commission. This bill's effect on other State agencies, such as the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Office of Administrative Hearings, cannot be determined, as the exact increase in the number of complaints that will be filed as a result of this legislation cannot be determined. While it is assumed that some increase in complaints filed with these agencies will result from this bill, Fiscal Research does not believe that this increase will necessitate additional resources.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Department of Administration, Human Relations Commission; Judicial Branch.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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