

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1114, Second Edition

SHORT TITLE: Professional Teaching Standards Commission

SPONSOR(S): Senators Lucas, Dannelly, Hartsell, Hobbs, Perdue, Plexico, Winner, Gulley, and Kerr

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase (x) Decrease ()
 Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()
 No Impact ()
 No Estimate Available ()
FUND AFFECTED: General Fund (x) Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
 Other Fund ()

BILL SUMMARY: S 1114. PROF'L TCH'G STDS. COMM'N. TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS COMMISSION SO THAT TEACHERS HAVE A MAJORITY, TO EXPAND THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES BOARD. Effective Sept. 1, 1996, reduces membership of NC Professional Teaching Standards Commission from eighteen to fifteen members. Governor to appoint four teachers and Senate President Pro Tempore and House Speaker each to appoint three teachers, as specified in bill. Commission to be located administratively under State Board of Education (now, Department of Public Instruction). Sets out powers and duties of commission, including to develop and recommend to State Board of Education professional standards or revisions to professional standards for NC teachers. The Commission must submit annual report by December 1 of each year to Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee of its activities during preceding year, together with recommendations and findings concerning improvement of teaching profession. Adds new GS 115C-295.3 to require State Board of Education to establish Professional Practices Board composed of teachers, school administrators, and representatives of the general public. Board to: (1) develop code of ethics for teaching profession and develop procedures to investigate code violations; (2) investigate complaints concerning code violations; and (3) make recommendations to State Board of Education concerning revocation and suspension of teacher certificates as result of ethics violation.

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: State Board of Education, Department of Public Instruction.

FISCAL IMPACT

<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>
1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01

EXPENDITURES

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

STATE FUNDS	\$230,580	\$205,597	\$212,795	\$219,179	\$225,754
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FEDERAL FUNDS

LOCAL FUNDS

OTHER FUNDS

RECEIPTS/FEES

POSITIONS: 2

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Two positions hired by the commission. Director and administrative assistant.

Four two day meetings per year for the 15 member commission.

For each additional meeting beyond four, cost would rise by an additional \$764 for each two day meeting.

Assume 3% increase in costs for FY1997-98 through FY2000-01.

5. All but \$30,000 in FY1996-97 would be recurring costs.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Public Instruction

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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