

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 1004 (First Edition) Geologist Licensure

SHORT TITLE: Geologist Licensure

SPONSOR(S): Senator Kinnaird

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					
County School Fund	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists					
EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective when it becomes law.					

BILL SUMMARY: The bill authorizes the North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists to (1) conduct confidential investigations of possible violations of board rules or state laws, (2) expand conditions for refusing to grant a license, and (3) levy a civil penalty up to \$5,000 per violation of state law, board rules or code of conduct.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The Chair of the North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists said that the Board hears approximately 10 disciplinary cases each year. The Board requests the authority to assess civil penalties as a means to deter wrongful acts without revoking a license. The Board does not intend to use the full \$5,000 penalty. The Board's Chair believes that the maximum will be \$1,000 per violation and the average penalty will be \$300 per violation. Assuming 10 violations a year occur and the violators are charged \$300 per violation, then approximately \$3,000 in penalties will be assessed each year. These funds are deposited into the County School Fund.

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