

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 151 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Amend Legislative Tuition Grants

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Bill Owens

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (x)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>
REVENUES					
EXPENDITURES	\$162,400	\$168,000	\$173,600	\$179,200	\$184,800
POSITIONS:					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Legislative Tuition Grant Program and State Contractual Scholarship Program funded through the UNC-General Administration budget.				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	July 1, 2001				

BILL SUMMARY: *TO PROVIDE THAT A LEGISLATIVE TUITION GRANT MAY BE PAID TO A STUDENT WHO ATTENDS A BIBLE COLLEGE THAT MEETS THE SAME CRITERIA AS OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS.* As title indicates and adds a new section to GS Ch. 116, Art. 1, providing that if a Bible college receives funds under GS 116-19 - GS 116-22, the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) shall enter into a contract with the college that includes the following terms: (1) payments shall be made only at the end of the academic year, (2) at the end of each academic year, the institution shall certify the number of NC students enrolled for that year and shall submit to the Authority the list of eligible students who completed their academic course of study for that year, and (3) after receiving the list of eligible students, the Authority shall pay to each eligible student the fixed sum of money for that regular academic year based on the appropriation made by the General Assembly. Effective July 1, 2001.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has accredited only one of the five Bible Colleges in North Carolina, as required by the bill. The college has 56 in-state students. The current Legislative Tuition Grant provides \$1,800 per student and the State Contractual Scholarship program provides \$1,100 per full-time equivalent student.

The grants provided by these two programs have been increasing at a significant rate over the past few years. The out years assume an increase of \$50 per year per student in both programs. This is in keeping with recent funding trends.

There is no projection in growth of students. The enrollment at this college for the last several years has ranged from 55 to 73 students, but the enrollment has been in a decline mode for the last three years. This bill may cause a slight increase in students, but it probably would not be significant and would not be possible to project.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: If other Bible colleges in the state seek and receive Southern Association accreditation, their students also would be eligible for this program, thus increasing the cost estimate.

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