



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: Hate Crimes Prevention Act.
Bill Number: House Bill 312 (First Edition)
Sponsor(s): Representatives Majeed, Harrison, Meyer, and Martin

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B. 312, V.1 (\$ in thousands)

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>	<u>FY 2020-21</u>	<u>FY 2021-22</u>	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
State Impact					
General Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures	\$2,028,123	\$669,658	\$673,804	\$676,248	\$679,897
General Fund Impact	(\$2,028,123)	(\$669,658)	(\$673,804)	(\$676,248)	(\$679,897)
Highway Fund Impact					
Highway Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Highway Fund Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Highway Trust Fund Impact					
Highway Trust Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Highway Trust Fund Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Special Fund Impact					
Special Fund Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Special Fund Impact	-	-	-	-	-
NET STATE IMPACT	(\$2,028,123)	(\$669,658)	(\$673,804)	(\$676,248)	(\$679,897)

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

Part III of this bill requires the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) to collect, analyze, and disseminate information about hate crimes, and includes an appropriation. In addition, it requires State and local law enforcement to report monthly to the SBI on offenses committed that meet the hate crime criteria.

Part IV requires the Department of Justice's North Carolina Justice Academy to develop and provide training to law enforcement on how to identify, respond to, and report hate crimes.

Part V requires the Conference of District Attorneys to develop and provide training to prosecutors on prosecuting hate crimes.

The bill also broadens the scope and punishment of hate crimes. These parts of the bill are addressed in a separate incarceration note completed on version 1 of the bill.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Part III appropriates \$1.89 million nonrecurring to the SBI to create the hate crimes statistics database. The bill also provides \$530,000 in recurring for personnel to manage the database.

Part IV directs the Justice Academy to develop training on identifying, responding to, and reporting hate crimes and include the new curriculum in Basic Law Enforcement training and in-service training for existing law enforcement officers. The Justice Academy estimates the new mandate will require an additional Criminal Justice Training Coordinator position. The Coordinator position costs \$97,503 (\$72,424 salary plus \$25,079 in benefits) plus \$9,450 in operating costs.

Part V requires the Conference of District Attorneys to develop and provide training to prosecutors on the prosecution of hate crimes. The Conference estimates the cost for training to be \$31,170 per year, which includes contracting for the meeting facility, planner, and speaker (\$14,040), travel costs for the training participants (\$14,826), and supplies and equipment for the event (\$2,304).

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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