

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 1014 (First Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Certified Professional Midwives

**SPONSOR(S):** Representatives Morris, et al.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Yes ( )      No ( )      No Estimate Available (X)**

**FY 2001-02   FY 2002-03   FY 2003-04   FY 2004-05   FY 2005-06**

**REVENUES**

**see ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY**

**EXPENDITURES**

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &**

**PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** North Carolina Supervisory Council of Certified Professional Midwives (proposed)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

**BILL SUMMARY:** This bill authorizes the practice of midwifery by certified professional midwives. The act creates a seven member North Carolina Supervisory Council of Certified Professional Midwives to approve persons wanting into the profession.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The proposed North Carolina Supervisory Council of Certified Professional Midwives may establish fees that do not exceed the following amounts:

- \$400 initial issuance of approval
- \$2,500 renewal of approval
- \$150 late renewal fee

In the Assessment Report for Certified Professional Midwives filed in the 2000 Session of the General Assembly, two proponents of midwife certification estimated that there were 15 to 20 nationally certified professional midwives in North Carolina. It is assumed that there are other midwives in the state that practice without certification. In the 15 states that have a board or council to regulate midwifery and use the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) written exam for certification, the average number of midwives to state population

is 1 to 128,335. Using this ratio, North Carolina's population of 8,049,313 would yield 63 midwives. However, no reliable estimate can be made of the number of midwives that will seek approval to practice by the proposed new board.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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