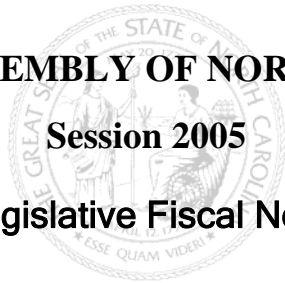


GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2005

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 790 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Energy Assistance Act for Low-Income Persons.

SPONSOR(S): Representative Nye

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ( )	No (X)	No Estimate Available ( )		
	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Department of Health and Human Services		No fiscal impact			
<b>POSITIONS (cumulative):</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> Department of Health and Human Services					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> This act is effective when it becomes law.					

**BILL SUMMARY:** Enacts new Part 34 of GS Chapter 145B, Article 3, requiring the Office of Economic Opportunity in the Dep't of Health and Human Services to administer the Weatherization Assistance Program for NC, as established by 42 U.S.C. 6861 et seq. and 42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq., to increase energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons and reduce the total residential expenditures and improve the health and safety of this population. Requires the State to use all appropriate and available means to fund the program. Creates Policy Advisory Council within the Office of Economic Opportunity to advise the Office on development and implementation of the program

Source: Bill Digest H.B. 790 (03/17/0200).

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** This bill provides statutory authority for the Office of Economic Opportunity to administer the Weatherization Assistance Program for North Carolina. It does not require funding beyond what the Federal Government currently allocates for the program through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Department of Health and Human Services

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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