

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1078

SHORT TITLE: Moral, Ethical, and Virtuous Education

SPONSOR(S): Senator Odom

FISCAL IMPACT: **Expenditures:** Increase () Decrease ()
 Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()
 No Impact (X)
 No Estimate Available ()

FUND AFFECTED: General Fund (X) Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
 Other Funds ()

BILL SUMMARY: Authorizes local boards of education to have materials posted in designated classrooms to educate students about moral, ethical, and virtuous principles. Local boards of education are authorized to expend funds appropriated for instructional supplies and equipment to provide the materials that are posted in the classrooms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification.

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: State Board of Education and local boards of education.

FISCAL IMPACT

<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>
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EXPENDITURES

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

STATE FUNDS

FEDERAL FUNDS

LOCAL FUNDS

OTHER FUNDS

RECEIPTS/FEES

POSITIONS:

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

1. Bill authorizes local boards of education to expend already appropriated funds for the purpose of providing the classroom materials described in the bill.

SOURCES OF DATA:

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 1078

SHORT TITLE: Character Education Required

SPONSOR(S): House Committee Substitute

FISCAL IMPACT: **Expenditures:** **Increase ()** **Decrease ()**
 Revenues: **Increase ()** **Decrease ()**
 No Impact ()
 No Estimate Available (X)

FUND AFFECTED: **General Fund ()** **Highway Fund ()** **Local Fund (X)**
 Other Funds ()

BILL SUMMARY: CHARACTER EDUCATION REQUIRED. House committee substitute replaces 1st edition of Senate Bill 1078 with the language of House Bill 981. Completely rewrites bill so it now adds a new GS 115C-81 providing that local boards of education shall require the teaching of character traits (including courage, good judgment, integrity, kindness, perseverance, respect, responsibility, and self-discipline) in public schools.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective upon ratification and applicable to all school years beginning with the 1995-96 school year.

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Local boards of education

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u> 95-96	<u>FY</u> 96-97	<u>FY</u> 97-98	<u>FY</u> 98-99
	<u>FY</u> 99-00			

EXPENDITURES

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

STATE FUNDS

FEDERAL FUNDS

LOCAL FUNDS	\$.25-.95	\$.2-.8	\$.2-.8	\$.2-.8	\$.2-.8
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OTHER FUNDS

RECEIPTS/FEES

POSITIONS:

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

1. Creates a requirement that local boards of education teach the character traits identified in the bill. The language of the bill is almost identical to the character traits identified in the program adopted in 1994 by the Wake County school system.
2. Local boards of education with either no program or a different program of would be required to develop or modify their existing program of character education.
3. Local boards with an identical program would not need to change their programs.
4. The State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction recently published "Building a Foundation for Citizenship." This guidebook is designed to provide information to local school systems on integrating character and citizenship education into the curriculum.
5. Wake County public schools indicated that expended approximately \$5,500 in contractual services to develop the program in FY 1994-95, and is projecting to expend approximately \$10,000 in FY 1995-96 to oversee the program and inform the community of the program. However, the Wake County cost does not provide sufficient basis to estimate more than a range for statewide implementation cost.
6. Local costs would be in the area of program development, materials, and public information. The cost of staff time to implement the program be estimated.

SOURCES OF DATA:

Department of Public Instruction

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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