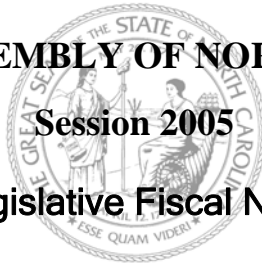


GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2005

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1487 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Dental Hygiene Law Changes.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Nesbitt

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<u><b>FY 2006-07</b></u>	<u><b>FY 2007-08</b></u>	<u><b>FY 2008-09</b></u>	<u><b>FY 2009-10</b></u>	<u><b>FY 2010-11</b></u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
<b>General Fund</b>	<u><b>No Impact to General Fund</b></u>				
<b>Board of Dental Examiners</b>	<b>See Assumptions &amp; Methodology</b>				
<b>POSITIONS</b> (cumulative):					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> NC Board of Dental Examiners					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> July 1, 2006					

**BILL SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 1487 authorizes the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners to accept, in addition to examinations conducted by the board, the results of other board-approved regional or national independent third-party clinical examinations of applicants seeking a license to practice as a dental hygienist. The bill also authorizes the board to charge the actual cost of the third-party testing service, as recommended by the joint legislative administrative procedure oversight committee.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** Under current law, the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners is authorized to charge each applicant for examination a fee not to exceed \$350. Senate Bill 1487 authorizes the Board to require applicants to pay a fee charged by a third-party testing company in lieu of this statutorily authorized fee.

The Board has had 250 applicants for examination since January 1, 2006. In previous years, the Board has used its own staff to administer the test. In 2006, they contracted with test administrators to administer in lieu of staff.

Although the Board will be collecting less revenue in the form of examination fees, they will not be responsible for remitting payment to third-party testing companies, so the net impact of this change to the Board is revenue-neutral.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** NC Board of Dental Examiners

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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