

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2007

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 882 (Second Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Industrial Comm. Investigators/Sworn LEOs.

**SPONSOR(S):** Sen. Rand

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2007-08</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2008-09</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2009-10</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2010-11</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2011-12</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Receipts	\$6,039	\$6,377	\$6,753	\$7,152	\$7,559
General Fund	\$4,034	\$4,529	\$4,511	\$4,777	\$5,049
<b>POSITIONS (cumulative):</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>	NC Industrial Commission				
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	September 1, 2007				

**BILL SUMMARY:** S. B. 882 authorizes the Industrial Commission to employ sworn law enforcement officers to conduct investigations under G. S. 97-88.2(b).

### ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The Industrial Commission currently employs four investigators. Two are wholly receipt supported positions, the other two are partially supported by General Fund appropriations. Although these investigators are certified law enforcement officers (LEO), they are not sworn LEOs (they cannot make arrests or carry weapons). Sworn LEOs receive an additional 5% retirement benefit that other State employees do not receive. As the Industrial Commission is already paying the salaries and benefits for these positions, the cost of the bill will be limited to the additional 5% the positions will be eligible for once the investigators become sworn officers. For FY 07-08, the difference for General Fund supported salaries is \$4,039; for receipt supported salaries, the difference is \$6,030. Standard inflationary rates were applied to these amounts to determine the cost for the succeeding four years. Because the additional amount required is relatively small, the Industrial Commission should be able to cover the difference from funds available. No additional General Fund appropriation will be required.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** North Carolina Industrial Commission

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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