

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2009

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 442 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Parental Involvement in School Discipline.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives M. Alexander, Fisher, Glazier, and Parmon

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>
State:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local:	\$0 to \$73,246	\$0 to \$73,246	\$0 to \$73,246	\$0 to \$73,246	\$0 to \$73,246
POSITIONS (cumulative):	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Local Education Agencies (LEAs)					
EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.					

BILL SUMMARY:

This bill would amend GS 115C-391 to require that signed permission from the student's parent or guardian be on file in the school before corporal punishment is administered to the student. The bill further requires that each local school board report annually to the State Board of Education the number of times that corporal punishment is administered each year according to the student's grade, age, gender, race, and whether the student was receiving special education services.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

There may be a minor fiscal impact on local education agencies (LEAs) related to acquiring and filing permission forms in those LEAs that allow corporal punishment. The Department of Public Instruction does not track which LEAs do or do not allow corporal punishment. Therefore, permission slips might be required for anywhere between 0 and 1,464,914 students attending public school in North Carolina. Costs of producing the permission slips would vary by school, but if one estimates a cost of 5 cents per form, the initial statewide local cost of implementation would be between \$0 and \$73,246. As this bill does not appropriate additional funds to cover this

expense, LEAs would have to cover the expense through existing resources such as the State allotment for supplies & materials. There may also be some clerical time required for school employees that process the forms, but no additional positions or staffing are projected to be required.

There is no additional fiscal impact related to school board reporting requirements. While there might be some additional clerical time required for school employees to submit such a report, there is no additional fiscal impact. GS 115C-391(a)(4) already requires the LEA to notify the appropriate parent or guardian with notification whenever corporal punishment is administered. LEAs are therefore already creating the data necessary to fulfill the annual reporting requirements that would be mandated by this bill.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Public Instruction

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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