

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2013

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 520 (First Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** WC/Record Full IC Hearings.

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Daniel

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available		
<b>State Impact</b>	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>
General Fund Expenditures:	\$ 36,216 to \$42,252	\$ 36,216 to \$42,252	\$ 36,216 to \$42,252	\$ 36,216 to \$42,252	\$ 36,216 to \$42,252
<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>(\$36,216) to (\$42,252)</b>	<b>(\$36,216) to (\$42,252)</b>	<b>(\$36,216) to (\$42,252)</b>	<b>(\$36,216) to (\$42,252)</b>	<b>(\$36,216) to (\$42,252)</b>
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> NC Industrial Commission					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> When bill becomes law.					
<b>TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:</b> None					

### BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 520 amends GS 97-84 to require the recording of all Industrial Commission Full Commission hearings, unless waived by consent of all parties. Provides for the making of the recording and the preservation and custody of the recordings depending on the type of electronic or mechanical device used to make the recording.

### ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

- **The Industrial Commission estimates that requiring Full Commission hearings to be recorded will necessitate an additional six to seven days per month of court reporting services, or between 72 and 84 days per year.** This estimate is based on the Full Commission’s current hearing schedule.
- **The average cost of court reporting services is \$503 per day.** This estimate is based on the Industrial Commission’s current court reporting services contract. The winning contractor provided a “lump sum” cost proposal that took into account full and half day trial metrics as provided in the Industrial Commission’s Request for Proposals.

- **The Industrial Commission estimates that this legislation would not require additional storage costs.** The Industrial Commission anticipates this activity being incorporated into its current data storage costs.

**Net State Impact**

The net impact to the State is estimated to be between \$36,216 (\$503 cost/day \* 72 days) and \$42,252 (\$503 cost/day \* 84 days) on an annual basis. Actual costs will be based upon contract renegotiation; if current vendor is unable to accommodate increased services, the Industrial Commission will have to issue a new Request for Proposals.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Industrial Commission

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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