

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2015

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 13 (First Edition)  
**SHORT TITLE:** Amend School Health Assessment Requirement.  
**SPONSOR(S):** Rep. John Torbett

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b> (\$ in millions)						
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available	
	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	
<b>State Impact</b>						
General Fund Revenues:						
General Fund Expenditures:						
Special Fund Revenues:						
Special Fund Expenditures:						
State Positions:						
<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	
<b>Local Impact</b>						
Revenues:						
Expenditures:						
<b>NET LOCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>						
NC Department of Health and Human Services; County Health Departments						
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> Act becomes effective when it becomes law						
<b>TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:</b>						
None						

**BILL SUMMARY:** Amends GS 130A-440 to require every parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis (acting in place of the parent) presenting a child for admission into kindergarten or a higher grade for the first time in the public schools to submit proof that the child has received a health assessment. Requires that a child receive the health assessment no more than 12 months before the initial date of entering school, regardless of grade level, whereas current statute requires a health assessment before entering kindergarten only. Provides that a child is not eligible for initial entry into kindergarten or a higher grade in the public schools unless a health assessment transmittal form, developed under GS 130A-441, is presented to the school principal. Clarifies that the 30-day countdown for submitting the health assessment transmittal form to the principal begins

with the child's first day of attendance. Requires the health assessment transmittal form to be permanently maintained in the child's official school record. Makes a conforming change to GS 115C-402(b) asserting that a health assessment transmittal form as required by GS 130A-440, as amended in this act, be included in a student's official record. Effective when the act becomes law and applies to children who enroll in the public schools for the first time beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** Current statute requires that each child entering into kindergarten in the public schools shall receive a health assessment. HB 13 would amend current statute to require that parents and guardians must submit proof that a child has received a health assessment prior to admission to kindergarten or a higher grade for the first time in the public schools. The bill would require that the health assessment transmittal form be permanently maintained in each child's official school record.

DHHS Division of Medical Assistance (DMA)

DMA staff has determined that HB 13 will have no fiscal impact on the Division. The Medicaid Program provides preventive services, including wellness screening, for eligible children from birth through 20 years of age. Current statute requires a recent health assessment prior to entry into kindergarten. The proposal would expand this requirement to children, at any grade level, who are being admitted for the first time to a public school. DMA staff does not anticipate a significant increase in the number of Medicaid-eligible children who would obtain wellness assessments due to the requirements of HB 13.

DHHS Division of Public Health (DPH)

DPH staff report that HB 13 would have no fiscal impact on the Division and that any impact to local health departments would be negligible.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** NC Department of Health and Human Services, Divisions of Medical Assistance and Public Health

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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