

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2015

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 615 (First Edition)
SHORT TITLE: Rural Broadband/Infrastructure.
SPONSOR(S): Senators Smith-Ingram and D. Davis

FISCAL IMPACT (\$ 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
State Impact					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
Special Fund Revenues:					
Special Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
NET STATE IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Local Impact					
Revenues:					
Expenditures:					
NET LOCAL IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Transportation, Office of Information Technology Services					
EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.					
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None					

BILL SUMMARY: This bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to study the economic impact of transportation connectivity between rural low-wealth counties and job creation centers, with a focus on specified corridors and roads. By May 1, 2016, DOT is required to report on the study to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee. The study is to be funded by the Department of Transportation from funds available to it. The bill also requires the Office of the State Chief Information Officer (CIO), with the assistance of the Department of Transportation, the Department of Administration, the Department of Commerce, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, to develop a state broadband plan to ensure that all citizens of North Carolina have access to broadband capability. By May 1, 2016, the State CIO is required to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Technology on the state broadband plan. The bill requires that funding for the study be provided

by the Office of the State Chief Information Officer, using funds available from the Information Technology Fund.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The Department of Transportation can fund its requirements in the bill from available funding. The Office of the State Chief Information Officer can also support its requirements, provided the Office of Digital Infrastructure is funded during fiscal year 2015-2016.

SOURCES OF DATA: Office of State Chief Information Officer

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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