



# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Session 2019

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**Short Title:** Remove Silent Sam/UNC-Chapel Hill.  
**Bill Number:** House Bill 20 (First Edition)  
**Sponsor(s):** Representative Alexander

### SUMMARY TABLE

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B. 20, V.1 (\$ in millions)

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>	<u>FY 2020-21</u>	<u>FY 2021-22</u>	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
<b>State Impact</b>					
General Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
<b>General Fund Impact</b>	<b>No Estimate Available - Refer to Fiscal Analysis section</b>				

<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>No Estimate Available - Refer to Fiscal Analysis section</b>
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### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

H.B. 20 would authorize the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) to remove the statue known as “Silent Sam” and pedestal from the University campus and transfer the monument into the custody of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR). DNCR is then directed to establish the monument in a cemetery located within North Carolina that is the burial location of a significant number of Confederate soldiers of the Civil War.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

Fiscal Research cannot estimate a cost for this bill. After the statue was pulled down in a protest on August 20, 2018, the Chancellor of UNC-CH ordered the removal of the base as well. While university staff indicated that base alone cost approximately \$30,000 to remove and transport locally, they are unable to provide an estimate for the relocation of the statue and pedestal to an unknown site. In researching the relocation of Confederate statues in other states, Fiscal Research found a wide range of costs related to coordination and logistics, planning, equipment, labor and security. For example, the City of San Antonio paid \$148,000 to remove and transport a statue; the City of New Orleans paid \$2.1 million for four statues to be relocated. In Dallas, the removal and relocation of one statue cost the City \$480,000. Conversely, the City of Baltimore paid less than \$20,000 for the removal and storage of four statues, though the pedestals for all four were not removed. Due to these wide range of costs in relocating statues and since we do not know where the statue and pedestal will be placed, we cannot estimate the cost related to this bill.

## **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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N/A.

## **DATA SOURCES**

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SAN ANTONIO ARTICLE: [HTTPS://WWW.FOXNEWS.COM/US/CONFEDERATE-MONUMENT-REMOVAL-COSTS-PILING-UP-FOR-CITIES](https://www.foxnews.com/us/confederate-monument-removal-costs-piling-up-for-cities)

NEW ORLEANS ARTICLE: [HTTPS://WGNO.COM/2017/06/09/CONFEDERATE-MONUMENT-REMOVAL-COST-2-1-MILLION-CITY-BLAMES-THREATS-LITIGATION/](https://wgno.com/2017/06/09/confederate-monument-removal-cost-2-1-million-city-blames-threats-litigation/)

DALLAS ARTICLE: [HTTPS://DFW.CBSLOCAL.COM/2019/02/13/DALLAS-REMOVE-CONFEDERATE-WAR-MEMORIAL/](https://dfw.cbslocal.com/2019/02/13/dallas-remove-confederate-war-memorial/)

BALTIMORE ARTICLE: [HTTPS://WWW.RICHMOND.COM/NEWS/LOCAL/CITY-OF-RICHMOND/BALTIMORE-PAID-LESS-THAN-TO-REMOVE-FOUR-CONFEDERATE-MONUMENTS-LAST/ARTICLE\\_2D40F369-9487-51C2-825F-7AFBC8549C61.HTML](https://www.richmond.com/news/local/city-of-richmond/baltimore-paid-less-than-to-remove-four-confederate-monuments-last/article_2d40f369-9487-51c2-825f-7afbc8549c61.html)

## **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS**

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This document is an official fiscal analysis prepared pursuant to Chapter 120 of the General Statutes and rules adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives. The estimates in this analysis are based on the data, assumptions, and methodology described in the Fiscal Analysis section of this document. This document only addresses sections of the bill that have projected direct fiscal impacts on State or local governments and does not address sections that have no projected fiscal impacts.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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