



# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Session 2019

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**Short Title:** Broadcast NC House of Reps Sessions.  
**Bill Number:** House Bill 218 (First Edition)  
**Sponsor(s):** Representatives D. Hall, Saine, and Jones

### SUMMARY TABLE

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.218, V.1

	<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	397,543	70,740	70,740	70,740	70,740
<b>General Fund Impact</b>	<b>(397,543)</b>	<b>(70,740)</b>	<b>(70,740)</b>	<b>(70,740)</b>	<b>(70,740)</b>

<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>(397,543)</b>	<b>(70,740)</b>	<b>(70,740)</b>	<b>(70,740)</b>	<b>(70,740)</b>
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<b>STATE POSITIONS</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>
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### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

This bill requires broadcasting of all House of Representatives legislative sessions and creates a committee to study the issue. Fiscal impacts to the General Assembly include total expenditures of \$397,543 in the first year of implementation. These costs include new broadcasting equipment, the creation of one new position, and committee-related expenditures. After the first year, ongoing expenditures are \$70,740 for the new position.

We cannot estimate the cost of requiring the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television to broadcast daily sessions of the House of Representatives that are of particular importance since we do not know how many sessions will be broadcast.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

Section 1 of the bill requires internet broadcasting of all legislative sessions of the House of Representatives. Recording equipment and staff are needed to implement daily video production and broadcasting. The video must also be archived and made available on the NC General Assembly (NCGA) website. The equipment costs, per the Information Systems Division of the NCGA, are estimated in Table 1. These costs are nonrecurring.

Table 1

<b>Item (House Chambers)</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Broadcast quality cameras	4	\$40,000
Control room and equipment	1	\$89,995
Upgraded audio capability	1	\$110,000
Servers and storage	1	\$75,000
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		<b>\$314,995</b>

The control room and equipment will provide a workspace for broadcasting. The control room will require a computer, monitors, cable connectors, hardware, equipment programming, remote camera controllers, cabling, and a network switch. The servers and storage are necessary to accommodate increased demand on the existing network as a result of archiving video.

In addition, one new full time equivalent (FTE) will be needed for managing the broadcast systems. The position will be an IT Systems Analyst I and hired at the minimum salary grade rate for \$70,740, which includes salary and benefits.

Section 2 of the bill directs the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television to broadcast daily sessions of the House of Representatives that are of particular public importance. We cannot estimate the cost of requiring the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television to broadcast daily sessions of the House of Representatives that are of particular importance since we do not know how many sessions will be broadcast.

Section 3 of the bill creates a new House Select Committee on Televising Legislative Sessions. This Committee will be made of nine members and will meet upon call of the Chair. Members will receive subsistence and travel expenses. The Committee is to report its recommendations by April 15, 2020. This analysis assumes the committee will meet four times throughout the FY 2019-20 fiscal year, with business concluding after the final recommendation is made. Table 2 details the costs for the new committee.

Table 2

Legislative member subsistence	\$5,616
Travel expenses	\$2,412
Clerical staff	\$3,780
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,808</b>

Total first year expenditures for the General Assembly to implement this bill are \$397,543. After the first year, ongoing expenditures are \$70,740 for the new position. The total costs for the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television are unknown at this time.

## **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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N/A.

## **DATA SOURCES**

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

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## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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