

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2023 Session

Legislative Fiscal Note

| Short Title: | Consumer Finance Act Amendments. |
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| Bill Number: | Senate Bill 331 (Second Edition) |
| Sponsor(s): | Sen. Jim Perry and Sen. Danny Earl Britt, Jr. |

SUMMARY TABLE

| FISCAL IMPACT OF S.B.331, V.2 | | | | | | |
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| | FY 2023-24 | <u>FY 2024-25</u> | FY 2025-26 | <u>FY 2026-27</u> | <u>FY 2027-28</u> | |
| State Impact | | | | | | |
| Special Fund Revenues | 231,000 | 238,000 | 244,000 | 250,000 | 257,000 | |
| Less Expenditures | | | | | | |
| Special Fund Impact | 231,000 | 238,000 | 244,000 | 250,000 | 257,000 | |
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| NET STATE IMPACT | 231,000 | 238,000 | 244,000 | 250,000 | 257,000 | |

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

Note: This Fiscal Note addresses only those bill sections that affect State revenue.

Senate Bill 331 would make various changes to the Consumer Finance Act. The finance provisions within the bill would make two changes. First, the bill would increase the minimum annual assessment paid by each licensee from \$500 to \$1,000. Second, the bill would increase the application fee for a consumer finance license from \$250 to \$500.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The estimated fiscal impacts of these finance changes are based on information within two reports the Office of the Commissioner of Bank produces-the Bank Annual Report and the Consumer Finance Annual Report. In addition, Fiscal Research relied on information provided by the Office's staff.

Fiscal Research used the historical annual number of active licensees and applications for licenses compiled by the Office of the Commissioner of Banks. Fiscal Research then made an adjustment for anticipated changes in the consumer credit market. FRD estimates the bill will increase the Office's special fund revenues by approximately \$231,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

N.C. Office of the Commissioner of Banks; Moody's Analytics.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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.

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