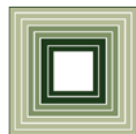


# Fiscal Research Division (FRD) Overview

**February 10, 2015**



**FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION**  
A Staff Agency of the North Carolina General Assembly

# Fiscal Research Division

- Nonpartisan staff serving all 170 members of the NCGA
- Primary staff to Appropriations Committees
  - Analyze requests/ recommendations related to agencies and their budgets
  - Make presentations to Committees
  - Prepare Committee Report (aka Money Report)
  - Assist Bill Drafting Division with preparation of special provisions for appropriations bills
  - Coordinate administrative requirements for meetings with Chairs
- Estimate the costs or savings of proposed legislation

# Fiscal Research Division Teams

Fiscal Analysts are organized  
into teams of 2-5 analysts

- (Agriculture and) Natural and Economic Resources
- Health and Human Services
- Education
- Justice and Public Safety
- General Government/  
Capital
- Transportation/  
Information  
Technology
- Salaries and Benefits
- Economy and  
Taxation
- Joint Budget  
Development

# Fiscal Notes/Memos

- Five-year analysis of all estimated fiscal impacts of a bill on expenditures or revenue of the State
- Elements:
  - Summary table with impact estimate
  - Brief summary of bill
  - Assumptions and methodology – analysis of costs/savings
- Prepared upon request of bill sponsor or other member
- Fiscal Note is confidential until it is published
- Fiscal Memo remains confidential to requestor
- Goal for turnaround time is one week
  - Requests from the Floor completed within 2 legislative days

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