

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 939 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Drug Tax for CrimeStopper

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Hurley, et al

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1997-98</u>	<u>FY 1998-99</u>	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>
REVENUES					
General Fund	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)
CrimeStoppers Fund	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:		Department of Revenue			
EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective July 1, 1997 and applies to taxes collected on or after that date.					

BILL SUMMARY: The bill earmarks 10% of the drug tax proceeds for rewards paid for tips regarding crimes pursuant to local CrimeStoppers programs. The funds are distributed to each county on a per capita basis.

BACKGROUND: The proceeds of the Controlled Substance Tax are deposited into a special nonreverting account called the State Controlled Substances Tax Account. Any unencumbered funds in the Account are transferred as follows:

- 1) 75% to the local law enforcement agency that conducted the investigation of a dealer that led to an assessment, and
- 2) 25% to the General Fund

The total amount deposited into the Account from January 1990 to January 1997 is \$32.55 million. The amount of unencumbered funds given to local law enforcement agencies during that period is \$20,532,902 and the amount transferred to the General Fund is \$6,726,233.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The General Fund has received the following amounts from the Account:

FY 1992-93	\$1,117,966
FY 1993-94	\$1,456,661
FY 1994-95	\$1,638,291
FY 1995-96	\$1,417,531

Richard Riddle, Director of the Controlled Substance Tax Unit in the Department of Revenue, projects \$1,500,000 in drug tax receipts for the General Fund each year for the next few years. This bill would take 40% of the General Fund apportionment, equal to \$600,000, to be used for the CrimeStoppers program.

The distribution of the CrimeStoppers funds is based on per capita annual population estimates provided by the State Planning Officer. The county distribution based on 1995 certified population is shown on the attached pages.

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County Names	1995 Certified Population Estimates	Percent of Total Population	County Share of \$600,000
Alamance	115,295	1.60%	\$9,615.61
Alexander	30,168	0.42%	\$2,516.01
Alleghany	9,618	0.13%	\$802.14
Anson	23,828	0.33%	\$1,987.26
Ashe	22,992	0.32%	\$1,917.53
Avery	15,186	0.21%	\$1,266.51
Beaufort	43,330	0.60%	\$3,613.73
Bertie	20,638	0.29%	\$1,721.21
Bladen	29,790	0.41%	\$2,484.49
Brunswick	60,739	0.84%	\$5,065.64
Buncombe	188,736	2.62%	\$15,740.60
Burke	81,440	1.13%	\$6,792.10
Cabarrus	110,338	1.53%	\$9,202.20
Caldwell	73,726	1.02%	\$6,148.75
Camden	6,316	0.09%	\$526.75
Carteret	57,612	0.80%	\$4,804.85
Caswell	21,372	0.30%	\$1,782.43
Catawba	126,240	1.75%	\$10,528.43
Chatham	42,914	0.60%	\$3,579.03
Cherokee	21,824	0.30%	\$1,820.12
Chowan	14,031	0.20%	\$1,170.19
Clay	7,732	0.11%	\$644.85
Cleveland	89,136	1.24%	\$7,433.95
Columbus	51,268	0.71%	\$4,275.76
Craven	85,816	1.19%	\$7,157.06
Cumberland	294,010	4.09%	\$24,520.46
Currituck	15,818	0.22%	\$1,319.22
Dare	25,758	0.36%	\$2,148.22
Davidson	136,604	1.90%	\$11,392.78
Davie	29,735	0.41%	\$2,479.90
Duplin	42,772	0.59%	\$3,567.19
Durham	192,906	2.68%	\$16,088.38
Edgecombe	56,811	0.79%	\$4,738.04
Forsyth	279,904	3.89%	\$23,344.02
Franklin	41,649	0.58%	\$3,473.53
Gaston	178,442	2.48%	\$14,882.08
Gates	9,798	0.14%	\$817.15
Graham	7,466	0.10%	\$622.66

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Granville	41,130	0.57%	\$3,430.25
Greene	16,794	0.23%	\$1,400.62
Guilford	372,097	5.17%	\$31,032.92
Halifax	57,468	0.80%	\$4,792.84
Harnett	76,960	1.07%	\$6,418.47
Haywood	49,946	0.69%	\$4,165.50
Henderson	76,250	1.06%	\$6,359.26
Hertford	22,468	0.31%	\$1,873.83
Hoke	27,334	0.38%	\$2,279.66
Hyde	5,211	0.07%	\$434.60
Iredell	103,462	1.44%	\$8,628.74
Jackson	28,798	0.40%	\$2,401.76
Johnston	95,413	1.33%	\$7,957.45
Jones	9,502	0.13%	\$792.47
Lee	46,014	0.64%	\$3,837.57
Lenoir	59,083	0.82%	\$4,927.53
Lincoln	55,592	0.77%	\$4,636.38
McDowell	37,244	0.52%	\$3,106.15
Macon	26,284	0.37%	\$2,192.09
Madison	17,778	0.25%	\$1,482.69
Martin	25,842	0.36%	\$2,155.22
Mecklenburg	577,479	8.03%	\$48,161.79
Mitchell	14,838	0.21%	\$1,237.49
Montgomery	23,828	0.33%	\$1,987.26
Moore	66,660	0.93%	\$5,559.45
Nash	83,966	1.17%	\$7,002.77
New Hanover	139,577	1.94%	\$11,640.73
Northampton	20,726	0.29%	\$1,728.55
Onslow	147,912	2.06%	\$12,335.87
Orange	105,821	1.47%	\$8,825.48
Pamlico	11,869	0.16%	\$989.88
Pasquotank	33,290	0.46%	\$2,776.39
Pender	34,671	0.48%	\$2,891.56
Perquimans	10,650	0.15%	\$888.21
Person	32,139	0.45%	\$2,680.40
Pitt	117,420	1.63%	\$9,792.84
Polk	15,743	0.22%	\$1,312.97
Randolph	115,548	1.61%	\$9,636.71

Richmond	45,404	0.63%	\$3,786.70
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Robeson	110,990	1.54%	\$9,256.57
Rockingham	88,334	1.23%	\$7,367.06
Rowan	118,875	1.65%	\$9,914.18
Rutherford	59,082	0.82%	\$4,927.44
Sampson	50,523	0.70%	\$4,213.62
Scotland	34,718	0.48%	\$2,895.48
Stanly	53,784	0.75%	\$4,485.59
Stokes	41,071	0.57%	\$3,425.32
Surry	65,076	0.90%	\$5,427.34
Swain	11,568	0.16%	\$964.77
Transylvania	27,168	0.38%	\$2,265.81
Tyrrell	3,812	0.05%	\$317.92
Union	98,192	1.36%	\$8,189.22
Vance	40,041	0.56%	\$3,339.42
Wake	518,271	7.20%	\$43,223.84
Warren	18,137	0.25%	\$1,512.63
Washington	13,766	0.19%	\$1,148.09
Watauga	40,133	0.56%	\$3,347.10
Wayne	111,018	1.54%	\$9,258.91
Wilkes	62,056	0.86%	\$5,175.48
Wilson	67,839	0.94%	\$5,657.78
Yadkin	33,672	0.47%	\$2,808.25
Yancey	16,143	0.22%	\$1,346.33
	7,194,238	100.00%	\$600,000.00