

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 295

SHORT TITLE: Greyhound Racing Prohibited

SPONSOR(S): Senators McDaniel; Allran, Carpenter, Carrington, Cochrane, Conder, Dalton, East, Forrester, Foxx, Garwood, Gulley, Hoyle, Kincaid, Lucas, Page, Phillips, Rand, Rucho, Shaw of Cumberland, and Weinstein.

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

(in millions)

FY 1997-98 FY 1998-99 FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02

GENERAL FUND

Correction

No Fiscal Impact

Recurring

Nonrecurring

Judicial

No Fiscal Impact

Recurring

Nonrecurring

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

POSITIONS: It is anticipated that approximately 0 positions would be needed to supervise the additional inmates housed under this bill. This is based on inmate to employee ratios, provided by the Division of Prisons, for close, medium, and minimum custody facilities (These position totals include security, program, and administrative personnel.).

Close – 2 to 1
Medium – 3 to 1
Minimum – 4 to 1

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Dept. of Correction; Judicial Branch

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1997, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

BILL SUMMARY:

GREYHOUND RACING PROHIBITED. TO PROHIBIT GREYHOUND RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA.
Adds GS 14-309.20 making it a class 1 misdemeanor to conduct greyhound races for public exhibition for monetary remuneration, or to transmit or receive simulcasting of greyhound races for commercial purposes. Applies to offenses committed on or after Dec. 1, 1997.¹

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch does not anticipate this bill to have a fiscal impact on the court system. Greyhound racing occurs fairly infrequently in North Carolina. Under G.S. 14-292, any person who operates a greyhound racetrack where betting occurs or who bets on the races is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. The Judicial Branch assumes that few races would occur without gambling as the motive. Therefore, they expect few additional defendants to be charged with misdemeanors as a result of this bill. These few potential additional defendants could be absorbed within existing court resources.

Department of Correction

Likewise, there would not be a fiscal impact on the prison system because this bill establishes a misdemeanor penalty.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Correction, Judicial Branch; North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

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