



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2025 Session

Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: Charges for Credit & Charge Cards.
Bill Number: House Bill 13 (Fourth Edition)
Sponsor(s): Rep. Warren, Rep. Ross, and Rep. Tyson

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.13, V.4					
	<u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>FY 2026-27</u>	<u>FY 2027-28</u>	<u>FY 2028-29</u>	<u>FY 2029-30</u>
State Impact					
General Fund Revenue	26,678	35,570	35,570	35,570	35,570
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund Impact	26,678	35,570	35,570	35,570	35,570
NET STATE IMPACT	26,678	35,570	35,570	35,570	35,570

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

This bill would set a cap on charges for payments by credit card or charge card in the State at 3% of the total transaction or the charge that the merchant pays to the payment card entity, whichever is greater. The bill also increases the fee collected by the North Carolina Department of Secretary of State for filing Articles of Incorporation to form a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes. The fee increase would generate approximately \$35,570 in additional General Fund revenue in each full fiscal year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The only direct impact of this bill on the State's General Fund is the fee increase to file Articles of Incorporation for a nonprofit corporation with the Secretary of State. The current fee is \$60, as set in G.S. 55A-1-22(a)(1). This bill would increase that fee to \$65 effective October 1, 2025.

According to data from the North Carolina Department of Secretary of State, 7,114 Articles of Incorporation were filed for nonprofit corporations in CY 2024. For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed that in FY 2025-26 through 2029-30, the same number of new nonprofit corporations will file with the Secretary of State and pay the associated fee.

The fee increase of \$5 would generate \$35,570 in additional General Fund revenue ($\$5 \times 7,114$) in each full fiscal year after this bill's enactment. FY 2025-26's additional revenue would be prorated to nine months only, as the bill's effective date is three months into that fiscal year.



TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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