

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2011

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 744 (Third Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Safe Students Act.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Folwell, R. Brown, Hastings, and Torbett

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No (X)	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>	<u>FY 2014-15</u>	<u>FY 2015-16</u>
REVENUES					
EXPENDITURES					
POSITIONS (cumulative):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:					
EFFECTIVE DATE: When it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.					

BILL SUMMARY:

H744 makes two changes to General Statute.

First, the bill amends G.S. 115C-364(c) to require that the principal of any public school receives from the parent or guardian of a child presented for admission to school for the first time either (1) a certified copy of the child’s birth certificate which was furnished by the register of deeds of the county having the record of the birth of the child on file, or (2) other satisfactory evidence of the date of birth as provided in Article 4 (Vital Statistics) of G.S. Chapter 130A. The parent or guardian must also provide the principal with a certificate of immunization for the child as required by G.S. 130A-155.

Second, the bill amends G.S. 130A-109 to clarify that school authorities may accept only competent and verifiable evidence as secondary proof of the age of children registering for school attendance. Competent and verifiable evidence includes, but is not limited to (1) a certified copy of any medical record of the child’s birth issued by the treating physician or the hospital where the

child was born, or (2) a certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a religious institution that maintains birth records of its members.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: This bill does not place any new responsibilities on public schools or State agencies. Nor does the bill create any new barriers to student enrollment. G.S. 130A-155 already requires that “No child shall attend a school (pre K-12), whether public, private or religious, a child care facility as defined in G.S. 110-86(3), unless a certificate of immunization indicating that the child has received the immunizations required by G.S. 130A-152 is presented to the school or facility.”

SOURCES OF DATA: None

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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