



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2025 Session

Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: Jaleeyah's Law.
Bill Number: House Bill 1173 (Fifth Edition)
Sponsor(s): Rep. Bell and Rep. Stevens

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.1173, V.5

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>	<u>FY 2027-28</u>	<u>FY 2028-29</u>	<u>FY 2029-30</u>	<u>FY 2030-31</u>
State Impact					
General Fund Revenue	9,830,503	16,852,290	16,852,290	16,852,290	16,852,290
<u>Less Expenditures</u>	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund Impact	9,830,503	16,852,290	16,852,290	16,852,290	16,852,290
NET STATE IMPACT	9,830,503	16,852,290	16,852,290	16,852,290	16,852,290

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

Section 1 of the bill increases the General Court of Justice (GCJ) fees applied to criminal cases in District and Superior Court by \$30 each, effective December 1, 2026. Receipts from the fee are remitted to the General Fund. The \$30 increase to these fees is anticipated to generate a combined \$9,830,503 in FY 2026-27, rising to \$16,852,290 in FY 2027-28 once a full year of collections begins.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Section 1 of the bill amends G.S. 7A-304(a) to increase the General Court of Justice (GCJ) fees applied to criminal cases in District and Superior Court. The current fees are \$147.50 and \$154.50, respectively. This bill would increase the GCJ fees to \$177.50 and \$184.50, effective December 1, 2026. The fee is collected by the Administrative Office of the Courts and remitted to the General Fund.

According to the most recent Fee Report (FY 2023-24) produced by the Office of State Budget and Management, the District Court Criminal GCJ Fee was collected in 546,072 cases while the Superior Court Criminal GCJ Fee was collected in 15,671 cases. For purposes of this analysis, it is assumed that for FY 2026-27 through FY 2030-31, the fee would be collected in the same number of cases. Applying the \$30 increase to the number of collections results in an estimated \$16,382,160 ($\$30 * 546,072$) and \$470,130 ($\$30 * 15,671$) additional revenue from the increases

for a combined total of \$16,852,290. The estimated revenue for FY 2026-27 has been prorated to reflect 7 months of collections due to the December 1, 2026, effective date.

The remainder of the sections in the bill do not have a revenue impact but are expected to have a fiscal impact to the State's criminal justice system. Those impacts are described in the related Incarceration Note.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT FY 2023-24 FEE REPORT

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

This document is an official fiscal analysis prepared pursuant to Chapter 120 of the General Statutes and rules adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives. The estimates in this analysis are based on the data, assumptions, and methodology described in the Fiscal Analysis section of this document. This document only addresses sections of the bill that have projected direct fiscal impacts on State or local governments and does not address sections that have no projected fiscal impacts.

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