



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2025 Session

Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: NC Genetic Counselors Workforce Act.
Bill Number: House Bill 697 (First Edition)
Sponsor(s): Rep. Potts, Rep. Reeder, Rep. Campbell, and Rep. Cervania

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B. 697 [V.1] (\$ in thousands)

	<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					
Special Fund Revenues	-	56	3	48	5
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Special Fund Impact	-	56	3	48	5
NET STATE IMPACT	-	56	3	48	5

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

HB 697 has a fiscal impact because it creates the Genetic Counselor's Licensure Board and allows it to assess fees for licensure, license renewal, and other services deemed necessary.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Currently in North Carolina, there are about 225 genetic counselors in the state. The bill creates the Genetic Counselor's Licensure Board and allows it to assess fees for licensure, license renewal, and other services deemed necessary. Among others, the bill authorizes the Board to set biennial application fees of up to \$250 and renewal fees of up to \$150.

To estimate the fiscal impact of the Board's first year, FRD used data from the North Carolina Medical Genetics Association. The Association estimates there are approximately 225 individuals that would apply for licensure under the bill, and there would be about 12 new applications annually thereafter. To compute the estimated fiscal impact for the first year, FRD multiplied the application cost (\$250) by the initial 225 individuals, which resulted in about \$56,000. Then FRD calculated application revenues in future years by multiplying 12 by \$250, resulting in about \$3,000 each year in revenue from new applicants.

Therefore, the Board would see revenue in the initial year of about \$56,000. In the second year, they would only see application revenue, which would be about \$3,000. In the third year, they would begin receiving renewal revenue because of the biennial license of about \$45,000 given the \$200 renewal fee and estimated number of individuals (225) in addition to application revenue of



about \$3,000. The table below shows the estimated fiscal impact by fiscal year, and FRD assumes the board will begin issuing licenses in July 2026.

Estimated Board Application and Renewal Fee Revenue (\$)				
FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30
None-Planning Year	56,000	3,000	48,000	5,400

Data is not available for FRD to estimate the potential expenditures by the board.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

N.C. Medical Genetics Association.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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