

Proposed House Finance Committee Substitute for SB 744: Appropriations Act of 2014  
Fee-related Provisions

Fee/Provision Name	Effective Date	Section Number in Bill	House		Special Fund Impacted by Fee	In Senate Budget?	Notes
			Annual General Fund Impact	Annual Special Fund Impact			
Education							
UNC Faculty Tuition Waiver	2014-15 Fall Academic Semester	11.9	\$0	\$0	N/a	No	<p>- Increases from 2 to 3 the number of courses a faculty or staff member of a UNC institution may take free of tuition per year. This change has no General Fund impact because hours taken by faculty and staff are not funded by State appropriations per the General Statutes.</p> <p>- Clarifies that the UNC System may waive both tuition and fees for faculty, not just fees. Again, because credit hours taken by faculty are not funded by the State, there is no General Fund impact.</p>
UNC Set Nonresident Tuition Rates	2014-15 Fall Academic Semester	11.18	\$0	\$0	N/a	No	<p>S.L. 2013-360, Appropriations Act of 2013, increased nonresident tuition at 14 UNC constituent institutions effective Fall 2014. The Act's Committee Report specified the percent increase for each campus and cut General Fund appropriations for the System by a corresponding \$27.3 million.</p> <p>Section 11.18 of Senate Bill 744 gives the UNC system the flexibility to set the nonresident rates for each campus as it sees fit, overriding the rates specified in last year's Committee Report, as long as the new rates generate the same amount of new tuition receipts as already budgeted.</p> <p>Because this tuition increase was authorized last year, and this language merely changes the distribution of the increase among the campuses, there is no net financial impact to this section.</p>

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General Government						
Establishing or Increasing Fees under this Act	07/01/2014	6.2	Unknown		No	Allows agencies to adopt emergency rules to enact fees or fee increases without going through the normal rule process.
JPS						
Hazardous Materials Facilities Fee	07/01/2014	16B.3	\$691,277		Yes	Creates a new fee for hazardous materials. The fee will be used to support the hazardous materials database, the hazardous materials regional response teams in the Division of Emergency Management, and to provide grants to counties for hazardous material emergency response efforts. The fee will be \$50 per hazardous material; and \$90 per extremely hazardous material. Annualized revenue will be \$1.5 million.
ABC Permit Fee Increases	07/01/2014	16B.2	\$9,600,000		Yes	Increases the renewal and registration fee for ABC permits to the initial permit fee amounts. Beer and wine will be \$400 and mixed beverages will be \$1,000.
Private Hospital Toxicology Fee	07/01/2014	18B.14	Unknown		Yes	Adds a court fee for toxicology to be imposed on guilty defendants when the toxicology testing has been conducted by a local hospital. Currently, this fee can only be collected if the testing was done by a local or State crime lab.
Community Work Crew Fee	07/01/2014	16C.2	\$0		Yes	Allows the Department of Public Safety to charge a fee sufficient to cover the cost of the program for community work crew services. Currently, the fee is capped at \$150. No local government has contracted with the State for this service since the fee was implemented.
Inmate Labor Contract	07/01/2014	16C.3	Unknown		Yes	Allows the Dept. of Public Safety to charge Transportation and Administrative fees to recover costs associated with inmate labor contracts.

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<b>Transportation</b>							
Conversion of Paper Titles	07/01/2014	34.7		\$30,000 HF	Highway Fund	Yes	Authorizes the conversion of existing titles from paper-copy to electronic. JLTOC recommendation.
DOT Signage Fees		34.14		N/A	Highway Fund	Yes	Directional Signs (TODS) to recapture the costs to administer the programs. Current fees: LOGO - \$300; TODS - \$200.
Ferry Tolling	07/01/2014	34.26		(\$2.1M) HF	Highway Fund	No	Repeals the tolling authority of the Board of Transportation, removing tolls from three currently tolled routes. Tolling currently generates approximately \$2.1M in annual receipts which are credited to reserve accounts for capital improvements.
<b>HHS</b>							
Increased Fee for Private Well Water Testing	07/01/2014	12E.3		\$221,548		Yes	Fee increased from \$55 to \$74 and adds existing wells to be tested. Previously the fee was only imposed on newly constructed wells. Effective July 1, 2014
1915(C) Innovations Waiver Services Assessment	07/01/2014	12H.18	No estimate available				Authorizes DHHS to seek federal approval to impose assessments on willing providers participating in North Carolina's 1915(c) Medicaid Innovations waiver. This authorization is in effect until July 1, 2017. If the assessment has not been established by then, the authorization expires.
				N/A		No	
<b>NER</b>							
State Fair Admission	07/01/2014	13.2				Yes	Exempts Board of Agriculture from rule making for purposes of State Fair admission.
Forestry Management Plans	07/01/2014	13.13		\$1,761,750		Yes	Implements new fees for forestry management plans produced by the Forest Service. Plans less than 20 acres will cost \$250. Plans 20-less than 50 acres will cost \$500. Plans for 50 or more acres will cost \$750.
National Poultry Improvement Plan Fees	07/01/2014	13.11		\$25,000		Yes	Increases the fee for the National Poultry Improvement Plan certification. For the initial certification, the fee is \$50 plus \$0.10 per bird. For each subsequent year, the fee is \$10 plus \$0.10 per bird.

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Commercial Fishing Licenses	07/01/2014, and apply to fees collected for the 2015- 16 license year	14.9		\$1,323,612	Advance License Sales Fund	Different	Doubles six commercial fishing licenses over the FY 2012-13 level (not the current level) . These include: Standard Commercial Fishing License - FY 2012-13 \$200, Current \$250, Proposed \$400 Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License - FY 2012-13 \$100, Current \$125, Proposed \$200 Shellfish License - FY 2012-13 \$25, Current \$31.25, Proposed \$50 Fish Dealer Licenses - FY 2012-13 \$50, Current \$62.50, Proposed \$100 License to Land or Sell - FY 2012-13 \$200, Current \$250, Proposed \$400 Recreational Commercial Gear License - FY 2012-13 \$35, Current \$43.75, Proposed \$70
Natural Heritage Program Online Access Fees	07/01/2014	14.13A		unknown	Clean Water Management Trust Fund	No	Allows the DENR Secretary to set fees to defray the costs associated with 1) preparing customized environmental review services or developing an online technology for external users to access natural Heritage Program data, and 2) conducting an inventory of natural areas, conservation and protection planning, and informational programs for owners of natural areas.
Wildlife Licensing Changes	07/01/2014	14.25		\$0			Techncial changes: Subsection(a): Provides youth get a bear stamp, free of charge. Youth are currently exempt from paying for a hunting license. Subsection(b): Provides the same eligibility requirement opportunities for CRFL disabled licenses as WRC and Unified licenses. S.L. 2013-283, gave WRC rule making authority to determine eligibility requirements for disabled and totally disabled lifetime licenses. Lifetime CRFL disabled licenses left out. Subsection (c): Makes the annual CRFL, RCGL, and Unified license effective/expiration dates consistent with WRC’s license term in G.S 113- 270.1B. Subsection(d): Makes the age criteria consistent with adult lifetime CRFL and Unified licenses.
Total			\$12,299,575	\$1,323,612			