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FISCAL NOTE

Prepared in regard to: Liability for costs of care and maintenance for inmates at state penitentiary and State Farm (Rep. Henry).
(list bill or resolution and number, if available, or subject)

Amendment to: _____
(list bill or resolution and number)

REQUESTED BY: Dean Bard DATE OF RECEIPT 19

In the following space note the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal. If additional space is needed attach a supplementary sheet. Please type.

See attached letter

Date of preparation: 1-19-71

Signed: Walter R. Fiedler

By Walter R. Fiedler

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The Honorable Howard Henry
 House of Representatives
 State Capitol
 Bismarck, North Dakota

Dear Representative Henry:

This office has examined the contents of two bills which you propose to introduce dealing with the charging of maintenance costs for those individuals committed to the North Dakota Industrial School and the North Dakota State Penitentiary. Our review has revealed that a number of areas within the proposed legislation could be considered for amendment in order to provide conformity and uniformity with other state institutions and departments operating similar programs, we offer these suggestions purely from an administrative standpoint, inasmuch as prime responsibility in administering this program would fall within the confines of this office. We would be happy to attend and bring forward any suggestions we might have during committee hearings.

We cannot at the present time foresee the administration of these acts as being of a scope exceeding \$5,000. in expenses and thereby requiring a fiscal note. There will be a certain amount of additional expense incurred by each agency involved, however, we do not foresee this cost as being substantial. This office has requested funding and expressed need for a position to manage and coordinate collection efforts for these institutions presently involved in these programs. The funding of this position would certainly tend to enhance the proposals being brought forth within these measures in insuring efficiency of operation. However, it is our sincere belief, that the need for additional staffing has become so critical within existing programs that the acceptance or rejection of these proposals will not be of material consequence. The fact of the matter seems to be; with additional staff we will put forth a smooth working, efficient collection effort in all areas; without proper staffing management, the effort will remain somewhat haphazard with limited efficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Walter R. Fiedler
 Director of Institutions