

March 1, 1999

S 182. ESTABLISH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION. *TO ESTABLISH THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.* Adds GS 143B-394.15 and -394.16 to create a Domestic Violence Commission within the Dep't of Administration comprised of 29 members selected as follows: (1) six appointed by Governor: one of whom is academician knowledgeable about domestic violence, one a member of the medical community, one a US Attorney for NC, one member of the NC Bar Ass'n who has studied domestic violence issues, and one member of NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence; (2) six appointed by the General Assembly, upon recommendation of the President of the Senate: one senator, one district attorney, one representative of law enforcement community with specialized knowledge of domestic violence issues, one county manager, one local legal services employee who works with domestic violence victims, and one representative of the linguistic and cultural minority communities; (3) six appointed by the Speaker: one representative, one member of the business community, one district court judge, one representative of a local victims' assistance program, one representative of a law enforcement agency with specialized knowledge of domestic violence issues, and one representative of the linguistic and cultural minority communities; (4) following persons or designees, ex officio: Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Sec'y of Dep't of Administration, Sec'y of Dep't of Crime Control and Public Safety, Sup't of Public Instruction, Sec'y of Dep't of Correction, Sec'y of DHHS, Director of Office of State Personnel, Executive Director of NC Council for Women, and Director of Institute of Government. Sets out following duties: (1) Develop "Safe Families Act"; (2) develop domestic violence training initiatives for law enforcement and judicial personnel and for persons providing treatment and services to domestic violence victims; (3) develop training initiatives in child protection, education, employer/employee relations, criminal justice and subsidized housing; (4) develop statewide public awareness campaign; (5) design and coordinate improved data collection for domestic violence acts in NC; (6) research, develop, and recommend proposals of how best to meet the needs of domestic violence victims and to prevent domestic violence. Requires Comm'n to report to General Assembly by April 1 of each year. Appropriates \$100,000 for 1999-2000 from General Fund to Dep't of Administration for staff and operating costs for the Commission. Effective July 1, 1999.

Intro. by Perdue.

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March 17, 1999

S 182. ESTABLISH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION. Intro. 3/1/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds three members to proposed commission: a clerk of superior court, appointed by the Governor; a district court judge, appointed by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Senate President Pro Tem; and a magistrate, appointed by the General Assembly on recommendation of the House Speaker.