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H 298. STATE CONTRACTS/SLAVERY PROFITS. Filed 2/21/07. *REQUIRING COMPANIES ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS WITH STATE DEPARTMENTS TO EXAMINE THEIR RECORDS FOR EVIDENCE OF PARTICIPATION IN OR PROFITING FROM SLAVERY.* Enacts new GS 143-59.5 requiring that a vendor, before or at the time of contracting with the state for goods or services, complete an affidavit certifying that the vendor has searched for and disclosed all records evidencing participation in or profiting from slavery. Provides that a state department may terminate a contract if a vendor does not accurately complete the affidavit. Directs the Secretary of Administration to develop the affidavit to be used and to monitor compliance, including investigating alleged violations. Specifies that the provisions of the section do not apply to contracts entered into by state departments with other governmental entities or to contracts for the purchase of articles in certain emergencies as provided in GS 143-57. Applies to contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2007.

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