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H 691. STATE CONTRACTS/SLAVERY PROFITS. Filed 3/19/09. *REQUIRING COMPANIES ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS WITH STATE DEPARTMENTS TO EXAMINE THEIR RECORDS FOR EVIDENCE OF PARTICIPATION IN OR PROFITING FROM SLAVERY.*

Enacts a new GS 143-59.5 to require that a vendor entering into a contract for goods or services with a state department complete an affidavit, prior to or contemporaneous with entering into the contract, certifying that (1) the vendor has searched any and all records of the vendor, or any predecessor vendor, for records of participation or investment in or profits derived from slavery, including slaveholder insurance policies issued during the slavery era and (2) the vendor has disclosed any and all records of participation in or profits derived from slavery by the vendor, or any predecessor vendor, including the issuance of slaveholder insurance policies, and has identified the names of any enslaved persons or slaveholders described in the records. Allows a state department to terminate a contract if the vendor fails to fully and accurately complete the affidavit. Requires the Secretary of Administration to develop an affidavit to be used by state departments and vendors and monitor compliance, including investigating alleged violations. Exempts (1) contracts entered into by state departments with other governmental entities, including the US, a county, city, or a public agency of one of these entities and (2) contracts for the purchase of articles in certain emergencies as provided in GS 143-57. Includes definitions for *enslaved person*, *investment*, *participation*, *predecessor vendor*, *profits*, *slavery*, *slavery era*, *slaveholder*, and *slaveholder insurance policies*. Effective for contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2009.

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