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S 353. NC HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION. Filed 2/26/09. *TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION.*

Enacts new GS 143B-426.45 creating the 18-member North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (Commission) within the Department of Administration. Members representing specified agencies, organizations, and expertise are to be appointed by the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House. Gives the Commission the power to: (1) commission, fund, and facilitate research exploring the ways trafficking is occurring in the state and the links to international and domestic trafficking, and to assist in creating measurement, assessment, and accountability mechanisms; (2) contribute to efforts to inform and educate law enforcement personnel, social service providers, and the public about trafficking; (3) suggest and provide assistance and review of new policies, procedures, or legislation to further the work of eradicating trafficking; (4) assist in developing regional response teams or other coordinated efforts to counter trafficking at the level of law enforcement, legal services, social services, and nonprofits; and (5) identify gaps in law enforcement or service provision and recommend solutions. Appropriates \$100,000 for 2009-10 and \$100,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Department of Administration to support the Commission. Effective July 1, 2009.

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