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HOUSE BILL DRH10279-NDa-84

Short Title: Human Trafficking Reporting/Response System. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative McNeely.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN
3 TRAFFICKING COMMISSION TO COORDINATE AND SUPPORT THE
4 DEVELOPMENT OR USE OF A HUMAN TRAFFICKING REPORTING AND
5 RESPONSE SYSTEM.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** Article 29 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

8 "Article 29.

9 "Administrative Office of the Courts.

10 ...

11 "**§ 7A-354. North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission.**

12 ...

13 (c) Powers. – The Commission shall have the following powers:

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15 (8) To coordinate and support the development or use of a reporting and response
16 system as required by G.S. 7A-354.2.

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18 "**§ 7A-354.2. Human trafficking reporting and response system.**

19 The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission shall coordinate and support the
20 development or use of a secure, technology-driven, and survivor-centered human trafficking
21 reporting and response system, with a focus on areas of the State where access to anti-human
22 trafficking resources is most limited."

23 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative
24 Office of the Courts, North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission, the sum of three hundred
25 thousand dollars (\$300,000) in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be used to
26 coordinate and support the development or use of a secure, technology-driven, and
27 survivor-centered human trafficking reporting and response system, with a targeted focus on
28 western North Carolina, where access to anti-human trafficking resources remains extremely
29 limited.

30 **SECTION 2.(b)** The uses for the funds appropriated in this section may include, but
31 are not limited to, each of the following:

32 (1) Expanding the reach of a reporting and response system, as referenced in
33 subsection (a) of this section, in western North Carolina.

34 (2) Funding one full-time regional operations coordinator to perform at a
35 minimum each of the following job functions in relation to the reporting and
36 response system required to be developed or used pursuant to G.S. 7A-354.2:



- 1 a. Oversee implementation of the development or use of the system.
2 b. Strengthen partnerships with law enforcement and service providers
3 regarding the use of the system.
4 c. Ensure the effectiveness of the system in western North Carolina and
5 other areas of the State deemed to have the most need for the system.
6 (3) Launching a targeted public awareness and outreach campaign to increase
7 utilization of the reporting and response system among at-risk communities,
8 first responders, and the general public.

9 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.