GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2003

H HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1576*

Sponsors: Representatives Justice, Womble (Primary Sponsors); Insko, Parmon, and Weiss.

Referred to: Children, Youth and Families.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the topic of trafficking of persons. In its study the Commission may do all of the following:

- (1) Measure and evaluate the extent of trafficking of persons in North Carolina.
- (2) Measure and evaluate the progress of the State in trafficking prevention activities.
- (3) Identify available federal, State, and local programs that provide services to victims of trafficking that include health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second language classes, and victim's compensation.
- (4) Make recommendations on methods to provide a coordinated system of support and assistance to persons who are victims of trafficking.
- (5) Consider any other issue relevant to this topic.

SECTION 2. The Commission shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the 2005 General Assembly prior to its reconvening in 2006, and shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 2006 Regular Session of the 2005 General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.