



SENATE BILL 122: Sex Trafficking/Sex Offender Registration

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SUMMARY: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for Senate Bill 122 would add the offense of human trafficking to the list of offenses that require registration under the Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program.*

CURRENT LAW:

§ 14-43.11. Human trafficking.

(a) A person commits the offense of human trafficking when that person knowingly recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains by any means another person with the intent that the other person be held in involuntary servitude or sexual servitude.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class F felony if the victim of the offense is an adult. A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class C felony if the victim of the offense is a minor.

(c) Each violation of this section constitutes a separate offense and shall not merge with any other offense. Evidence of failure to deliver benefits or perform services standing alone shall not be sufficient to authorize a conviction under this section.

(d) A person who is not a legal resident of North Carolina, and would consequently be ineligible for State public benefits or services, shall be eligible for the public benefits and services of any State agency if the person is otherwise eligible for the public benefit and is a victim of an offense charged under this section. Eligibility for public benefits and services shall terminate at such time as the victim's eligibility to remain in the United States is terminated under federal law.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for SB 122 would add the offense of human trafficking (G.S. 14-43.11) to the list of offenses that require registration as a sex offender if the offense is committed against a minor who is less than 18 years old, or if the offense is committed against any person with the intent that they be held in sexual servitude.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective December 1, 2013, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

