



**NORTH CAROLINA
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
COMMISSION**

Legislative Committee Report

FEBRUARY 22, 2024

2023 Refreshers

Senate Bill 626 expanded rights to permanent no contact orders for victims of human trafficking; prohibits the denial of reduction of victim's compensation due to conduct that occurred when the individual was being trafficked; expands the definition of human trafficking to include "patronizes, solicits" to match the federal definition.

2023 Refreshers: House Bill 259 / Budget Bill Text

		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
26	HTC Competitive Grant Program Fund Code: 1700		
	Provides funding to support a competitive grant program, managed by the HTC, for nonprofit organizations providing direct services to victims of human trafficking. HTC may establish a time-limited Grants Manager to administer the program.		
	FY 2023-24		
		Requirements \$ 500,000R	\$ 500,000R
		Less: Receipts \$ -	\$ -
		Net Appropriation \$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

36 **COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING**
 37 **SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

38 **SECTION 16.23.(a)** Article 29 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is amended by
 39 adding a new section to read:

40 **"§ 7A-354.1. Human Trafficking Commission Competitive Grant Program.**

41 **(a) Established. – The Human Trafficking Commission shall develop and implement the**
 42 **Human Trafficking Commission Competitive Grant Program.**

2023 Refreshers:

General Assembly also implemented:

"Article 51.

"Commercial Publication and Distribution of Material Harmful to Minors.

"§ 66-500. Short title; definitions.

(a) This Article shall be known as the Pornography Age Verification Enforcement Act or the PAVE Act.

(b) The following definitions shall apply to this Article:

2024 Plans

Interest was present for a larger bill in 2024 and we hosted 9 stakeholders (statewide focus) in September to gather ideas.

We are still working on this, but it may be a smaller package this session that picks up from ideas last year.

Thank you to Sarah Bryne and colleagues for assisting with expunction corrections.

2024 Plans Continued:

- ❑ Identified Need of Training on law changes within the courts.

Working with Lindsey Lane at the Human Trafficking Institute, and the committee members to plan how to roll out training in partnership with the courts and CODA.