



NC Human Trafficking Commission: Legislative Committee Meeting
August 10, 2020
WebEx through the NC Judicial Center

11:00am Welcome & Introductions

Committee Chair, Caitlin Brooks

Committee Chair Caitlin Brooks opened the meeting and conducted a verbal roll call to document attendance. Committee members in attendance at the meeting were Daniel Bowes, Caitlin Brooks, Sarah Byrne, Danielle Carman, Jennifer Haigwood, Tammy Harris, Jasmine McGhee, Bill Rowe, and Angelica Wind. Also in attendance were Commission Staff, Christine Long, and Commission interns Madelyne Huibregtse, Amy Grener, Jared Willis, and Barbara Spencer.

Committee Chair Brooks gave a brief synopsis of the NC Human Trafficking Commission, which included a timeline of funding. In addition, she had everyone introduce themselves and mention any particular interest in human trafficking legislation.

Overview of Research

HTC Interns

Four HTC Interns gave summaries of the tasks they are working on for the committee. Madelyne Huibregtse discussed a one-page data sheet on arrests and the creation of a human trafficking resource directory. Amy Grener discussed analyzing arrest data for 2017 and 2018. Jared Cates reviewed his project to compile a comparison of laws and criminal penalties from other states. Barbara Spencer will be researching the potential for an annual report.

Discussion of Future Goals

Committee Chair Brooks

Committee Chair Brooks reported she would like the committee to iron out details for two to three policy items for a mini bill that would be drafted. The mini bill would also include a request for the HTC to receive reoccurring funding. Committee Chair Brooks discussed a potential loophole brought to the committee regarding custody. After giving a summary of the potential problem, a few committee members decided to follow-up on this matter via conference call with the Judge reporting the problem. Results will be reported at the next meeting. Committee members Sarah Byrne and Daniel Bowes discussed two identified problems for consideration. One was with the post-conviction relief law and the other was referenced to HB 198.

Adjournment

Committee Chair Brooks

Committee Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12noon. The Human Trafficking Commission staff will send out the next meeting announcement details at a later date.