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Short Title: Reporting Ethnic Harassment.

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Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford; and Richardson.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE UNIFORM REPORTING OF ACTS OF ETHNIC  
3 HARASSMENT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. The General Statutes are amended by adding a new Chapter to  
6 read:

7 **“CHAPTER 99E.**

8 **"UNIFORM REPORTING OF ETHNIC HARASSMENT.**

9 **"§ 99E-1. Reporting of ethnic harassment.**

10 (a) The North Carolina Human Relations Council shall collect, analyze, and  
11 disseminate information relating to acts of ethnic harassment in North Carolina. This  
12 information shall be used for understanding, preventing, and eliminating ethnic  
13 harassment, as well as assisting its victims. For the purposes of this Chapter, an ‘act of  
14 ethnic harassment’ means (i) a criminal act committed apparently because of race,  
15 religion, or ethnicity, or (ii) any act apparently intended to intimidate or harass a person  
16 or persons because of race, religion, or ethnicity.

17 (b) The following persons and agencies shall report to the North Carolina Human  
18 Relations Council all acts of ethnic harassment:

19 (1) State, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies, with respect to  
20 acts of ethnic harassment occurring within their jurisdictions;

21 (2) Public school superintendents and principals, with respect to acts of  
22 ethnic harassment occurring in the schools over which their authority  
23 extends; and

1           (3) Departments and agencies of State government, with respect to acts of  
2           ethnic harassment they become aware of during the course of their  
3           business.

4 The North Carolina Human Relations Council shall encourage other knowledgeable  
5 persons and organizations to report acts of ethnic harassment.

6           (c) The content, form, time, and manner of reports made pursuant to this Chapter  
7 shall be prescribed by the North Carolina Human Relations Council."

8           Sec. 2. G.S. 143B-391 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 143B-391. North Carolina Human Relations Council – creation; powers and**  
10 **duties.**

11           There is hereby created the North Carolina Human Relations Council of the  
12 Department of Administration. The North Carolina Human Relations Council shall have  
13 the following functions and duties:

- 14           (1) To study problems concerning human relations;
- 15           (2) To promote equality of opportunity for all citizens;
- 16           (3) To promote understanding, respect, and goodwill among all citizens;
- 17           (4) To provide channels of communication among the races;
- 18           (5) To encourage the employment of qualified people without regard to  
19 race;
- 20           (6) To encourage youths to become better trained and           qualified  
21 for employment;
- 22           (7) To receive on behalf of the Department of Administration and to  
23 recommend expenditure of gifts and grants from public and private  
24 donors;
- 25           (8) To enlist the cooperation and assistance of all State and local  
26 government officials in the attainment of the objectives of the Council;
- 27           (9) To assist local good neighborhood councils and biracial human  
28 relations committees in promoting activities related to the functions of  
29 the Council enumerated above;
- 30           (10) To advise the Secretary of Administration upon any matter the  
31 Secretary may refer to it; ~~and~~
- 32           (11) To administer the provisions of the State Fair Housing Act as  
33 outlined in Chapter 41A of the General ~~Statutes.~~ Statutes;
- 34           (12) To administer the provisions of Chapter 99E of the General Statutes;  
35           and
- 36           (13) To adopt rules to implement and interpret its functions and duties  
37 outlined in Chapter 99E of the General Statutes."

38           Sec. 3. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989.