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HOUSE BILL 558

Short Title: Civil Rights Act Change.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cunningham, Barnhill, Blue, Burke, Edwards, Fitch, Gist, Hardaway, H. Hunter, Jeralds, Kennedy, Locks, and Michaux.

Referred to: Judiciary.

March 14, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CIVIL RIGHTS INTERFERENCE ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 99D-1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b1) The North Carolina Human Relations Council may bring a civil action on behalf of any person or persons subjected to a violation of this Chapter, as described in subsection (a) of this section. In any such action, the court may grant the same relief as described in subsection (b), except that damages awarded to the plaintiff shall be awarded to the person or persons on whose behalf the action was brought, and the Council may not recover attorney's fees. In any such action, the Council shall be represented by an attorney employed by the Council, and G.S. 114-2 shall not apply."

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

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

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

- (1) To study problems concerning human relations;
- (2) To promote equality of opportunity for all citizens;
- (3) To promote understanding, respect, and goodwill among all citizens;
- (4) To provide channels of communication among the races;
- (5) To encourage the employment of qualified people without regard to race;

- 1 (6) To encourage youths to become better trained and qualified
2 for employment;
- 3 (7) To receive on behalf of the Department of Administration and to
4 recommend expenditure of gifts and grants from public and private
5 donors;
- 6 (8) To enlist the cooperation and assistance of all State and local
7 government officials in the attainment of the objectives of the Council;
- 8 (9) To assist local good neighborhood councils and biracial human
9 relations committees in promoting activities related to the functions of
10 the Council enumerated above;
- 11 (10) To advise the Secretary of Administration upon any matter the
12 Secretary may refer to it; ~~and~~
- 13 (11) To administer the provisions of the State Fair Housing Act as
14 outlined in Chapter 41A of the General ~~Statutes~~-Statutes;
- 15 (12) To administer the provisions of G.S. 99D; and
- 16 (13) To adopt rules to implement and interpret the functions and duties
17 outlined in this Chapter."
- 18 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon ratification.