

2025 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1308

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1308
1/22/2025

Relating to duties of the human trafficking commission and immunity for reporting human trafficking; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

9:29 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Davis, Dobervich, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Kiefert, Rios, Rohr

Discussion Topics:

- Additional training
- Tribal governments

9:29 a.m. Representative Bernie Satrom, District 12, introduced bill.

9:39 a.m. Stacy Schafer, Executive Director of the 31-8 Project, testified in favor.

9:44 a.m. Jacob Thomsen, Policy Analyst of the North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action, testified in favor and submitted testimony, #30677.

9:46 a.m. Christopher Dodson, North Dakota Catholic Conference, testified in favor.

9:48 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the hearing.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk



Testimony Supporting House Bill 1308

Jacob Thomsen, Policy Analyst
North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action
January 22, 2025

Good morning, Chairman Ruby and honorable members of the House Human Services Committee. My name is Jacob Thomsen, and I am a Policy Analyst with North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying on behalf of our organization in support of House Bill 1308 and respectfully request that you render a "DO PASS" on this bill.

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HB 1308
1/28/2025

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Members Present: Chairman M.Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Davis, Dobervich, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Kiefert, Rios, Rohr, Members

Discussion Topics:

- Committee work

10:02 a.m. Representative Anderson moved a Do Pass.

10:02 a.m. Representative Dobervich seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Karen Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Cleyton Fegley	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Karen Rohr	Y

10:08 a.m. Motion passed 13-0-0.

Representative Davis will carry the bill.

10:08 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1308 ([25.0012.01000](#))

Human Services Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1308 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2025 SENATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

HB 1308

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Workforce Development Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1308
3/14/2025

Relating to duties of the human trafficking commission and immunity for reporting human trafficking; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

9:00 a.m. Chairman Wobbema called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Wobbema, Vice-Chairman Axtman, Senator Boschee, Senator Larson, Senator Powers.

Discussion Topics:

- Multidiscipline approach
- K-12 Children Education
- Training for School Counselors
- Law Enforcement participation

9:01 a.m. Representative Bernie Satrom introduced the bill.

9:04 a.m. Mark Ehrmantraut, Community Engagement Director with The GOD'S CHILD Project, testified in favor and submitted testimony # 41115.

9:07 a.m. Jacob Thomsen, Policy Analyst with ND Family Alliance Legislative Action, testified in favor and submitted testimony #41497.

9:09 a.m. Amy Boyd-Bolme, Anti-Trafficking Program Manager with Youthworks, testified in favor.

9:25 a.m. David A. Tamisiea, Executive Director North Dakota Catholic Conference, testified in favor and submitted testimony #41442.

Additional written testimony:

Maurice W. Hardy, Director with Dakota Central Human Service Zone, submitted written testimony in favor #41462.

9:29 a.m. Chairman Wobbema closed the hearing.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk



*Breaking the Chains of Poverty Through
Education, Housing, Healthcare, and Sustainable Development*

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and esteemed Committee members.

My name is Pastor Mark Ehrmantraut. I am the Community Engagement Director for The GOD'S CHILD Project.

The GOD'S CHILD Project is a non-denominational, non-political, nonprofit organization. The GOD'S CHILD Project was founded in Bismarck thirty-four years ago.

Since 1991, the Project has raised and educated over 130,000 orphaned and abandoned children in Africa, India, the United States, and across Central America.

The GOD'S CHILD Project has an anti-human trafficking arm – ITEMP. ITEMP, the Institute for Trafficked, Exploited & Missing Persons, founded in 2001.

ITEMP has had 'boots on the ground' in 38 different countries worldwide and has rescued and returned home hundreds of children and women in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central America.

The ITEMP team has given several hundred human trafficking prevention presentations and trainings. These presentations have ranged from Canada to Peru and they include many with North Dakota's Sexual Assault Response Teams, law enforcement groups, and at many of North Dakota's high schools and all the universities.

You may have seen, in recent weeks, the sting operation breaking up a trafficking and prostitution ring around Stanley and Ray. You probably saw where a truck driver, from New Jersey, was arrested last week in Bismarck for luring what he thought was a 16-year-old girl. He tried to meet up with this young person who was actually a member of law enforcement working undercover.

We cannot let up on the gas as we are making strides to combat human trafficking and to care for those exploited through forced labor or forced sexual activity.

Please know we are here, and we want to support your work and be a resource for you. The ITEMP part of The GOD'S CHILD Project brings decades of professional work combatting and preventing human trafficking while providing detection, interdiction, rescue, and prosecutorial assist.



*Breaking the Chains of Poverty Through
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We encourage you to vote 'DO PASS' and keep up the pressure and the support to disrupt and prosecute the predators while providing the necessary resources and supports to care for those exploited and trafficked, while at the same time, funding efforts that prevent this abuse.

Thank you for your time and good work. I am happy to take any questions you might have.

Respectfully,

Mark Ehrmantraut
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*Representing the Diocese of Fargo
and the Diocese of Bismarck*

To: Senate Workforce Development Committee
From: David Tamisiea, Executive Director
Date: March 14, 2025
Re: HB 1308 — Human Trafficking Commission

The North Dakota Catholic Conference strongly supports common-sense legislation to fight against the scourge of human trafficking and the closely related crimes of prostitution and commercial exploitation of children. These intersecting crimes violate the dignity of the human person, the sanctity of human life, and fundamental rights of the human person.

All three of the last popes (John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have publicly decried human trafficking and called for its eradication and for the protection of its victims. Our two North Dakotan bishops, Bishop David Kagan and Bishop John Folda, have also asked that addressing the problem of human trafficking be made a legislative priority.

Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked for labor or commercial sex acts worldwide – including right here in North Dakota. It can happen in any community, and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. Human trafficking often is hidden and goes unidentified. It is a crime that flourishes in darkness.

HB 1308 aims to combat human trafficking in our state by making the Human Trafficking Commission a permanent body. The bill also empowers the Commission to require human trafficking awareness and prevention training for members of certain regulated occupations and professions like doctors, lawyers, and teachers. This is an important measure in the fight against trafficking because these professions have a higher likelihood of encountering human trafficking victims in their work. The bill also provides immunity from liability for these occupations and professions for reporting human trafficking to law enforcement.

We respectfully ask for a **Do Pass** recommendation on House Bill 1308.

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Testimony prepared for the Senate Workforce Development Committee
HB 1308 – Relating to duties of the human trafficking commission
Maurice Hardy, Dakota Central Human Service Zone Director
March 14, 2025

Chair Wobbema, and members of the Senate Workforce Development Committee, my name is Maurice Hardy. I'm the Dakota Central Human Service Zone Director, which includes the counties of McLean, Mercer, Oliver, and Sheridan. I'm also a member of the North Dakota Human Service Zone Director Association. I am here to testify in support of HB 1308.

During my time as a Home and Community Based Case Manager, I met a woman who I'll call "Matilda."¹ Matilda was a single woman in a rural community who was living alone, and had been referred for services related to a stroke.

At that point in my career, I didn't regularly work with sex trafficking victims or offenders. But as I walked through the assessment with Matilda, her mannerisms caught my attention. She wouldn't look directly at me, and she used slang that I had learned from a session on human trafficking.

When you think about survivors of these crimes, a program for the elderly and disabled probably doesn't come to mind. But there she was.

During the assessment, Matilda shared that she had been trafficked for 31 years from the age of six. During that time, she gave birth to four children. She suffered from multiple miscarriages, forced abortions, broken bones, and at least two traumatic brain injuries.

As you can imagine, Matilda encountered many professionals and law enforcement officers over those 31 years — but either nobody recognized the signs of a trafficked person, or nobody acted.

¹ This person's name has been changed for her safety and confidentiality.

That finally changed when a detective saw Matilda at a restaurant. The detective had been trained to identify and interact with trafficking victims, and he took action. This detective helped Matilda get to a safe space. After surviving over three decades of trauma and abuse, Matilda was able to access the resources she needed to escape “The Life.”

As a survivor, Matilda taught me that traffickers are always evolving the methods, tools, and language they use to stay in the business of slavery. This makes it more challenging to recognize the signs that are right in front of us. If we want to combat trafficking effectively, we need to stay current on these changes, which requires a concentrated effort.

House Bill 1308 is part of that concentrated effort in North Dakota. It establishes a commission to collect and evaluate data, to promote awareness, and to educate school personnel and the public. Not only can this information empower us to help more victims escape “the life,” but it can help drive prevention efforts so that the number of victims gets smaller and smaller.

Human trafficking is a global virus, and North Dakota is not immune. It can be found in our largest and smallest communities. And it thrives under the shadow of ignorance. This commission can help bring it out in the open so that we can address it head on.

The North Dakota Human Service Zone Directors support HB 1308, and we ask for a “do pass vote.”

Thank you for considering my testimony. I stand for questions from the committee.



NORTH DAKOTA

Family Alliance LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Workforce Development Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1308
4/3/2025

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11:01 a.m. Chairman Wobbema called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Wobbema, Vice-Chairman Axtman, Senator Boschee, Senator Larson, Senator Powers.

Discussion Topics:

- Criminal History Examples
- Mandatory Commission
- Human Trafficking Task Force
- 6th and 10th Grade Curriculum

11:01 a.m. Chairman Wobbema opened discussion on Senator Boschee proposed amendments testimony #44628 and #44631.

11:26 a.m. Anna Frissell, Youthworks of North Dakota, answered committee questions.

11:29 a.m. Senator Powers moved to adopt amendment LC#25.0012.01001.

11:29 a.m. Senator Larson seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Mike Wobbema	Y
Senator Michelle Axtman	Y
Senator Josh Boschee	Y
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Michelle Powers	Y

Motion Passed 5-0-0

11:30 a.m. Senator Axtman moved Do Pass as Amended.

11:30 a.m. Senator Larson seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Mike Wobbema	Y
Senator Michelle Axtman	Y
Senator Josh Boschee	Y
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Michelle Powers	Y

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Motion passed 5-0-0.

Senator Boschee will carry the bill.

11:32 a.m. Chairman Wobbema closed the hearing.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1308

Introduced by

Representatives Satrom, Brandenburg, Schneider, Ostlie

Senators Clemens, Conley

VC 4/3/25
1 of 4

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-12-33 and 54-12-33.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to duties of the human trafficking commission and immunity for reporting
3 human trafficking; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-12-33. Human trafficking commission.**

- 8 1. The attorney general ~~may~~shall establish a human trafficking commission, comprised of
9 designees from state, local, and tribal agencies which have contact with victims or
10 perpetrators, nongovernmental organizations that represent or work with victims, and
11 other organizations and individuals, including victims, whose expertise would benefit
12 the commission. ~~The attorney general may establish the commission by appointing an~~
13 ~~existing statewide coalition~~In addition to the attorney general designees, the
14 commission must include:
15 a. A legislator from the majority party;
16 b. A legislator from the minority party;
17 c. A designee from the department of health and human services child and family
18 services division;
19 d. A designee from a rural school district;
20 e. A designee from one of the state's largest ten school districts;

- 1 f. A designee from the North Dakota state's attorneys' association; and
2 g. A designee from the governor's office.

3 2. The commission shall:

- 4 a. Collect and evaluate data on human trafficking in this state and submit an annual
5 report to the attorney general, governor, and legislative assembly;
6 b. Promote awareness and provide information to education personnel and the
7 general public about human trafficking, victim remedies and services, and
8 trafficking prevention;
9 c. Promote training on human trafficking prevention and victim services for state
10 and local employees and members of regulated occupations and professions
11 who may have recurring contact with victims or perpetrators;
12 d. Promote training on human trafficking investigation and prosecution and on
13 missing and murdered indigenous people with the North Dakota state's attorney's
14 association, the North Dakota peace officers standards and training board, and
15 state and local law enforcement agencies;
16 e. Present annually regarding human trafficking awareness and prevention at
17 professional development conferences directed toward teachers, administrators,
18 and support staff which are hosted by educational organizations in this state or by
19 the department of public instruction; ~~and~~
20 f. Provide annual prevention and awareness education on human trafficking and
21 exploitation for students in grades six and ten in tribal, public, and nonpublic
22 schools; and
23 g. Conduct other appropriate activities.

24 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-33.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

26 **54-12-33.1. Human trafficking prevention training - Exemptions - Immunity -**
27 **Continuing appropriation.**

28 1. As used in this section:

- 29 a. "Human trafficking" means human trafficking as defined in chapter 12.1-41.
30 b. "Human trafficking commission" means the commission established under
31 section 54-12-33.

c. "Lodging establishment" means any hotel, motel, resort, building, or structure that is used to provide sleeping accommodations to transient guests.

d. "Proprietor" means the person in charge of a lodging establishment and includes an owner, lessee, and manager.

e. "Regulated occupation or profession" includes a profession regulated by the education standards and practices board, an occupation or profession regulated under title 43, and an attorney licensed to practice law in this state.

2. ~~Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, the~~The human trafficking commission shall establish an educational training program with a focus on the accurate and prompt identification and reporting of, or response to, suspected human trafficking. To the extent possible, the human trafficking commission shall allow the use of existing training modules and materials. The training must include:

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- 1 5. An entity that regulates an occupation or profession may accept the training described
2 in subsection 2 for continuing education credit.
- 3 6. A proprietor or employee of a lodging establishment or a member of a regulated
4 occupation or profession who acts in good faith is immune from liability in any civil
5 action for reporting suspected human trafficking activities but a member of a regulated
6 occupation or profession may be subject to disciplinary action for the reporting if the
7 reporting violates an applicable ethics regulation imposed by the member's regulated
8 occupation or profession.
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10 donation, gift, grant, or bequest offered or tendered from public or private sources for
11 the purpose of furthering the objectives of the human trafficking prevention training
12 and incentivizing proprietors and members of a regulated occupation or profession to
13 participate in the human trafficking prevention training. All moneys received or
14 accepted under this subsection are appropriated on a continuing basis to the human
15 trafficking commission.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1308**

Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0012.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1308 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

25.0012.01001
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Senator Boschee
April 2, 2025

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Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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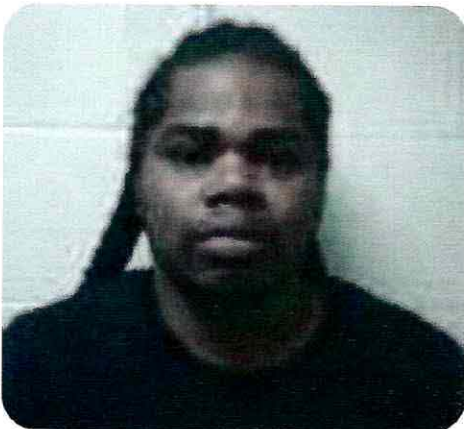
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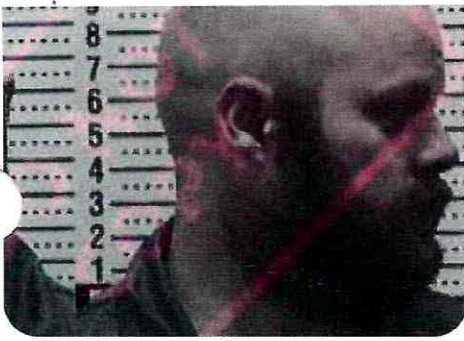
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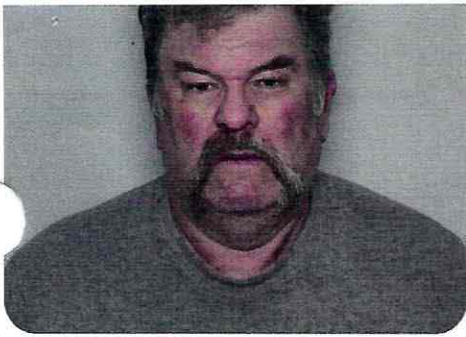
Sexual Crimes Against Children

North Dakota arrest data since January 1st, 2025

	Arrests in 2025	2024 Arrest, Plea Change to Charge in 2025
Promoting or directing an obscene sexual performance by a minor	12	1
Solicitation/corruption of a minor	9	1
Attempted solicitation of a minor	1	
Use of minor in sexual performance	1	
Attempted use of minor in sexual performance	3	
Possession of certain materials prohibited	6	1
Luring minors by computer	12	1
GSI, sexual act or sexual contact, minor	8	3
Patronizing a minor for commercial sex activity	2	1
Continuous sexual assault/ abuse of child	5	0
Sexual assault/abuse of minor	6	1
Cyberstalking resulting in death	1	
Incest of minor	1	
Indecent exposure, to minor	2	
Distribution of Child Pornography (which resulted in the death of a North Dakota teenager)	1	
Tattooing and piercing of minors	1	
Sexual contact w/victim	1	
Extortion	1	
	74	9







SOLICITING A MINOR DATA:

County/Town Research Completed:

- Stutsman County
- Ward County
- Cass County
- Richland County
- Devils Lake/Barnes County/Ramsey County
- Bismarck
- Williston
- Dickinson

2/19: Shae Miller (Harvey, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- promoting or directing an obscene sexual performance by a minor
- attempted solicitation of a minor
- two counts of possession of certain materials prohibited

2/21: Benjamin Berg (Minot, ND) -- former Minot Public School employee and former Minot City Council member Mugshot saved? Y

- arrested in November 2024 but plead down to solicitation of a minor – victim 15 or older on 2/21/25

2/20: Brandon Williamson (Bismarck, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Luring minors by computer-Defendant 22 or older, believes victim 15-17

3/13: Jaxon Wald (Bismarck, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- luring minors
- attempted use of a minor in a sexual performance

1/28: Adam Liesener (Valley City, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- luring minors by computer
- indecent exposure

3/1: Tony Lynch (Minot, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Promoting a sexual performance by a minor
- Possession of certain materials prohibited

12/24-2/1/25: Ray sting, Operation Naughty or Nice (having a hard time finding concrete info)

- one individual with soliciting prostitution and luring minors by computer

1/30/25: Joshua Dennis Campbell (Minot, ND/Bottineau, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Promoting or directing an obscene sexual performance by a minor
- Corruption of a minor, victim 15 or older – defendant under 22
- Luring minors by computer – defendant under 22, believes victim 15-17
- Harboring a runaway minor
- Contributing to the deprivation or delinquency of a minor

1/17/25: Amber Boothe (Minot, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Originally arrested in January 2024, but plead down in January 2025 to:
 - Use of a minor in a sexual performance-FA
 - Possession of certain materials prohibited

1/22/25: Aly Cherif, a/k/a Australien Choco, a/k/a Australien Ch'co, a/k/a Michael Jhonson, a/k/a Ali Aly, age 23 (Ivory Coast) Mugshot saved? Y

- News release: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nd/pr/ivory-coast-man-charged-participating-sex-tortion-scheme-caused-death-north-dakota>
- Cyberstalking Resulting in Death
- Extortion
- Distribution of Child Pornography, which resulted in the death of a North Dakota teenager
- Wire Fraud
- Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud

2/21/25: Michael Leier (Bismarck, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Arrested in October 2024, plea change Feb 2025
 - Patronizing minor for CSA w/intent to engage w/minor (x2)
 - GSI, sexual act, victim under 15, defendant under 22
 - Luring minors by computer, defendant under 22, believes victim 15-17

3/5/25: Devin Ruffin (NJ) Mugshot saved? Y

- Luring minors by computer—defendant 22 or older, believes victim 15-17

1/31/25: Jamie Kuntz (Dickinson, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Patronizing a minor for CSA
- Corruption or solicitation of minors

1/10/25: Jermaine Minter (Dickinson, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Sexual assault-Victim 15-18-Defendant 22 or older
- Indecent exposure-Any electronic means to minor (x6)
- Promoting or directing an obscene sexual performance by a minor

3/4/25: Joshua Qualls (Dickinson, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Gross sexual imposition—sexual act—victim under 15—defendant at least 22 (x4)
- Luring minors by computer—defendant 22 or older, believes victim under 15 (x2)

3/17/25: Joshua Qualls (another arrest) (Dickinson, ND)

- Promoting or directing an obscene sexual performance by a minor (x2)

2/4/25: James Sigler (Dickinson, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Possession of certain materials prohibited (x3)

3/11/25: James Sigler (2nd arrest)(Dickinson, ND)

- Possession of certain materials prohibited (x3)

3/19/25: James Sigler (3rd arrest)(Dickinson, ND)

- Promoting or directing an obscene sexual performance by a minor (x7)

3/18/25: PENG, WEIMING MING MIM (Mandan, ND) – not directly charged with anything to do w/minors yet

- Facilitating prostitution

2025 arrests, from DPD:

- Forty-one year-old male was arrested for having intercourse with a 16-year old female, charged with the offenses below:
 - **Indecent Exposure- 6 counts**
 - **Promote/Direct Obscene Sexual Performance by Minor**
 - **Sexual Assault, victim age 15-17 w/ adult 22+**
- One arrest for child sexual abuse, male arrested (non-familial), charged with below:
 - **Continuous Sex Abuse - Offender > 5 yrs older- Sex Act - Forcible Rape**
 - **Promote/Direct Obscene Sexual Performance by Minor- 2 counts**

3/17/25: Scott Hensley (Bismarck, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Promoting a sexual performance by a minor
- Possession of certain materials prohibited

3/14/25: Brandon Longie (Dunseith, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Attempted use of a minor in a sexual performance
- Luring minors by computer—defendant 22 or older, believes victim 15-17

2/27/25: Momo Kanneh (Bismarck, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Continuous sexual abuse of a child—defendant is at least 22 years of age—sex offenses

2/28/25: Miguel Duran (Bismarck, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Gross sexual imposition-Sexual act-Victim under 15-Defendant at least 22
- Gross sexual imposition-Sexual contact-Victim under 15

2/28/25: Cole Chase (Lincoln, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Gross sexual imposition—sexual act—victim under 15—defendant under 22
- Gross sexual imposition-Sexual contact-Force

2/18/25: Todd Lafromboise (Bismarck, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Luring minors by computer-Defendant under 22, believes victim under 15

1/29/25: Jason Erhardt (Bismarck, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Patronizing a minor for commercial sexual activity-With intent to engage with minor

1/23/25: Jack Zimmerman (Bismarck, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Doesn't specifically say "minors", but his bond conditions state no unsupervised contact with anyone under the age of 18... so...
- Possession of certain materials prohibited (x2)
- Creation or possession of surreptitiously created sexually expressive image

3/7/2025: Donald Senger (Minot, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Promotion of Obscene Sex Performance of a Minor x2

1/21/25: Zakkary Houle (Burleigh, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- USM Hold- INCEST WITH MINOR

1/15/25: Canku McKay (Burleigh, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- USM Hold-(SEXUAL ASSAULT/SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR)

1/15/25: Roy Anderson (Bismarck, ND) – crimes in 2023, but booked into BMDC and sentenced 2025. Mugshot saved? Y

- Gross sexual imposition-Sexual act-Force or Victim under 15 and Defendant at least 22

1/14/25: Burley Feather (Burleigh, ND)

- USM Hold- (SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR)

1/5/25: Vincent Huntsalong (Burleigh, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- USM Hold – SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

2/6/25: Jeremy Reister (Medina, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Arrested in 2024, but amended pleas in February 2025 for:
 - Gross sexual imposition

3/6/25: Jason Fiske (Williston, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Promoting or directing an obscene sexual performance by a minor (x2)
- Possession of certain materials prohibited

2/13/25: Chantel Kruit (Williston, ND) Mugshot saved? Y

- Arrested in 2024, but plead in 2025 to:
 - Sexual assault-Victim 15-18-Defendant 22 or older

3/26/25: Cory Mulrain (Minot AFB) Mugshot saved? Y

- Promoting sexual performance by minor x3

3/27/25: Cory Mulrain (Minot AFB)

- Gross sexual imposition-Sexual contact-Victim under 15

2/13/2025: Spencer Elliott (Valley City) Mugshot saved? Y

- Sexual Contact victim <15
- Corruption of minor age 15-17
- Tattooing and piercing of minors

3/24/2025: Magregr Obregon (Valley City) Mugshot saved? Y

- Sexual assault, victim age 15-17 w/ adult 22+
- Luring minors by computer or electronic means, victim age 15-17 and adult <22
- Sexual assault, victim age 15-17 w/ adult 18-21

1/24/25: Jamie Alberts (Devils Lake) Mugshot saved? Y

- Solicitation of minor <15 years

1/6/2025: John Lister (Devils Lake) Mugshot saved? Y

- GSI – sexual contact victim < 15 x3
- Continuous sex abuse – offender > 5 years older

3/23/2025: David Overton (Jamestown) Mugshot saved? Y

- Continuous sexual assault of child
- GSI x3
- Use of minor in sexual performance
- Promoting a sexual performance by a minor
- Corruption of certain materials prohibited – victim over 15 – defendant 22 or older

2/26/2025: Issac Bennett (Traill County) Mugshot saved? Y

- Sexual Assault – victim 15-17 – defendant parent/guardian

3/30/25: Patrick Fadely (Burleigh) Mugshot saved? Y

- Attempted use of a minor in a sexual performance
- Luring minors by computer-Defendant under 22, believes victim under 15

2025 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1308

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1308
4/16/2025
Conference Committee

Relating to duties of the human trafficking commission and immunity for reporting human trafficking; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

8:30 a.m. Chairman Beltz opened the meeting.

Members Present:, Chairman Beltz, Representatives Davis, Holle, Senators Powers, Wobbema, Boschee

Discussion Topics:

- Committee discussion

8:30 a.m. Senator Boschee introduced the amendment LC#25.0012.01003, #45021.

8:38 a.m. Amy Boyd, Anti-Trafficking Program Manager for Youthworks, testified and answered questions.

8:58 a.m. Chairman Beltz adjourned the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

25.0012.01003
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Senator Boschee
April 14, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1308

Introduced by

Representatives Satrom, Brandenburg, Schneider, Ostlie

Senators Clemens, Conley

In place of the amendment (25.0012.01001) adopted by the Senate, House Bill No. 1308 is amended by amendment (25.0012.01003) as follows:

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- 2 Century Code, relating to duties of the human trafficking commission and immunity for reporting
- 3 human trafficking; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is
- 6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-12-33. Human trafficking commission.**

- 8 1. The attorney general ~~may~~shall establish a human trafficking commission, comprised of
- 9 designees from state, local, and tribal agencies which have contact with victims or
- 10 perpetrators, nongovernmental organizations that represent or work with victims, and
- 11 other organizations and individuals, including victims, whose expertise would benefit
- 12 the commission. ~~The attorney general may establish the commission by appointing an~~
- 13 ~~existing statewide coalition~~In addition to the attorney general designees, the
- 14 commission must include:
- 15 a. A legislator from the majority party, appointed by the chairman of the legislative
- 16 management;
- 17 b. A legislator from the minority party, appointed by the chairman of the legislative
- 18 management;

- 1 c. An individual from the department of health and human services child and family
2 services division, appointed by the commissioner of the department of health and
3 human services;
- 4 d. An individual representing a rural school district, appointed by the superintendent
5 of public instruction;
- 6 e. An individual representing one of the state's largest ten school districts,
7 appointed by the superintendent of public instruction;
- 8 f. An individual from the North Dakota state's attorneys' association, appointed by
9 the executive director of the North Dakota state's attorneys' association; and
- 10 g. An individual from the governor's office, appointed by the governor.
- 11 2. The attorney general or the attorney general's designee shall serve as the presiding
12 officer of the commission.
- 13 3. The commission shall:
 - 14 a. Collect and evaluate data on human trafficking in this state and submit an annual
15 report to the attorney general, governor, and legislative assembly;
 - 16 b. Promote awareness and provide information to education personnel and the
17 general public about human trafficking, victim remedies and services, and
18 trafficking prevention;
 - 19 c. Promote training on human trafficking prevention and victim services for state
20 and local employees and members of regulated occupations and professions
21 who may have recurring contact with victims or perpetrators;
 - 22 d. Promote training on human trafficking investigation and prosecution and on
23 missing and murdered indigenous people with the North Dakota state's attorney's
24 association, the North Dakota peace officers standards and training board, and
25 state and local law enforcement agencies;
 - 26 e. Present annually regarding human trafficking awareness and prevention at
27 professional development conferences directed toward teachers, administrators,
28 and support staff which are hosted by educational organizations in this state or by
29 the department of public instruction; ~~and~~

- 1 f. Provide annual prevention and awareness education on human trafficking and
2 exploitation for students in grades six and ten in tribal, public, and nonpublic
3 schools; and

- 4 g. Conduct other appropriate activities.

5 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-33.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-12-33.1. Human trafficking prevention training - Exemptions - Immunity -**
8 **Continuing appropriation.**

- 9 1. As used in this section:

- 10 a. "Human trafficking" means human trafficking as defined in chapter 12.1-41.
11 b. "Human trafficking commission" means the commission established under
12 section 54-12-33.
13 c. "Lodging establishment" means any hotel, motel, resort, building, or structure that
14 is used to provide sleeping accommodations to transient guests.
15 d. "Proprietor" means the person in charge of a lodging establishment and includes
16 an owner, lessee, and manager.
17 e. "Regulated occupation or profession" includes a profession regulated by the
18 education standards and practices board, an occupation or profession regulated
19 under title 43, and an attorney licensed to practice law in this state.

- 20 2. ~~Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, the~~The human trafficking
21 commission shall establish an educational training program with a focus on the
22 accurate and prompt identification and reporting of, or response to, suspected human
23 trafficking. To the extent possible, the human trafficking commission shall allow the use
24 of existing training modules and materials. The training must include:

- 25 a. Human trafficking awareness;
26 b. How to recognize potential victims of human trafficking;
27 c. How to identify activities commonly associated with human trafficking; and
28 d. Effective responses to human trafficking situations, including how to report
29 suspected human trafficking to law enforcement.

- 30 3. A proprietor may:

- 31 a. Provide each onsite employee with the training described in subsection 2.

- 1 b. In an employee roster or in each employee's personnel file, annually certify each
2 employee has received the training approved by the human trafficking
3 commission.
- 4 c. Conduct an ongoing awareness campaign for employees which addresses the
5 information described in subsection 2.
- 6 4. A proprietor may post and maintain a poster approved and provided by the human
7 trafficking commission which contains the information described in subsection 2. The
8 poster must include the contact information for an organization that provides
9 assistance and support services to human trafficking victims. The poster may be
10 visibly displayed at the lodging establishment's check-in area, lobby, or transient guest
11 services.
- 12 5. An entity that regulates an occupation or profession may accept the training described
13 in subsection 2 for continuing education credit.
- 14 6. A proprietor or employee of a lodging establishment or a member of a regulated
15 occupation or profession who acts in good faith is immune from liability in any civil
16 action for reporting suspected human trafficking activities but a member of a regulated
17 occupation or profession may be subject to disciplinary action for the reporting if the
18 reporting violates an applicable ethics regulation imposed by the member's regulated
19 occupation or profession.
- 20 ~~6-7.~~ The human trafficking commission may seek, apply for, accept, and receive any
21 donation, gift, grant, or bequest offered or tendered from public or private sources for
22 the purpose of furthering the objectives of the human trafficking prevention training
23 and incentivizing proprietors and members of a regulated occupation or profession to
24 participate in the human trafficking prevention training. All moneys received or
25 accepted under this subsection are appropriated on a continuing basis to the human
26 trafficking commission.

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10:05 a.m. Chairman Beltz opened the meeting.

Members Present:, Chairman M. Ruby, Representatives Davis, Holle, Senators Powers, Wobbema, Boschee

Discussion Topics:

- Committee discussion
- Committee action

10:06 a.m. Senator Boschee introduced amendments LC#25.0012.01006, #45056.

10:08 a.m. Senator Boschee moved the Amendment LC#25.0012.01006 in place of the Senate Amendment.

10:08 a.m. Senator Wobbema seconded the motion.

10:08 a.m. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Representative Davis and Senator Boschee will carry the bill.

10:09 a.m. Chairman Beltz adjourned the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1308

Introduced by

Representatives Satrom, Brandenburg, Schneider, Ostlie

Senators Clemens, Conley

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2 Century Code, relating to duties of the human trafficking commission and immunity for reporting
3 human trafficking; ~~and to provide a continuing appropriation;~~ and to provide a contingent
4 effective date.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

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- 9 1. The attorney general ~~may~~shall establish a human trafficking commission, comprised of
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13 the commission. ~~The attorney general may establish the commission by appointing an~~
14 ~~existing statewide coalition~~In addition to the attorney general designees, the
15 commission must include:
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17 management;
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19 management;

- 1 c. An individual from the department of health and human services child and family
2 services division, appointed by the commissioner of the department of health and
3 human services;
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14 officer of the commission.
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26 association, the North Dakota peace officers standards and training board, and
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- f. Facilitate annual prevention and awareness education for students on human trafficking and exploitation; and
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- 16 the department of public instruction;
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- 18 trafficking and exploitation, in accordance with the new section to chapter
- 19 15.1-09, as created by Senate Bill No. 2330, as approved by the sixty-ninth
- 20 legislative assembly; and
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22 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-33.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
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14 **SECTION 4. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective if
15 the new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, as created by Senate Bill
16 No. 2330, is approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

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Final Recommendation

HB 1308

Date Submitted: April 17, 2025, 10:08 a.m.

Recommendation: In Place Of

Amendment LC #: 25.0012.01006

Engrossed LC #: N/A

Description:

Motioned By: Boschee, Josh

Seconded By: Wobbema, Mike

House Carrier: Davis, Jayme

Senate Carrier: Boschee, Josh

Emergency Clause: None

Vote Results: 6 - 0 - 0

Rep. Beltz, Mike	Yea
Rep. Davis, Jayme	Yea
Rep. Holle, Dawson	Yea
Sen. Powers, Michelle	Yea
Sen. Wobbema, Mike	Yea
Sen. Boschee, Josh	Yea

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
HB 1308**

Your conference committee (Sens. Powers, Wobbema, Boschee and Reps. Beltz, Davis, Holle) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0012.01001](#) adopted by the Senate, HB 1308 is amended by amendment [25.0012.01006](#).

HB 1308 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

25.0012.01006
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Senator Boschee
April 17, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
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- 11 the executive director of the North Dakota state's attorneys' association; and
- 12 h. An individual from the governor's office, appointed by the governor.
- 13 2. The attorney general or the attorney general's designee shall serve as the presiding
- 14 officer of the commission.
- 15 3. The commission shall:
- 16 a. Collect and evaluate data on human trafficking in this state and submit an annual
- 17 report to the attorney general, governor, and legislative assembly;
- 18 b. Promote awareness and provide information to education personnel and the
- 19 general public about human trafficking, victim remedies and services, and
- 20 trafficking prevention;
- 21 c. Promote training on human trafficking prevention and victim services for state
- 22 and local employees and members of regulated occupations and professions
- 23 who may have recurring contact with victims or perpetrators;
- 24 d. Promote training on human trafficking investigation and prosecution and on
- 25 missing and murdered indigenous people with the North Dakota state's attorney's
- 26 association, the North Dakota peace officers standards and training board, and
- 27 state and local law enforcement agencies;
- 28 e. Present annually regarding human trafficking awareness and prevention at
- 29 professional development conferences directed toward teachers, administrators,
- 30 and support staff which are hosted by educational organizations in this state or by
- 31 the department of public instruction; ~~and~~

f. Facilitate annual prevention and awareness education for students on human trafficking and exploitation; and

g. Conduct other appropriate activities.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-12-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-12-33. Human trafficking commission.

1. The attorney general shall establish a human trafficking commission, comprised of designees from state, local, and tribal agencies which have contact with victims or perpetrators, nongovernmental organizations that represent or work with victims, and other organizations and individuals, including victims, whose expertise would benefit the commission. In addition to the attorney general designees, the commission must include:
 - a. A legislator from the majority party, appointed by the chairman of the legislative management;
 - b. A legislator from the minority party, appointed by the chairman of the legislative management;
 - c. An individual from the department of health and human services child and family services division, appointed by the commissioner of the department of health and human services;
 - d. An individual representing a rural school district, appointed by the superintendent of public instruction;
 - e. An individual representing one of the state's largest ten school districts, appointed by the superintendent of public instruction;
 - f. An individual representing tribal nations, appointed by the North Dakota united tribes tribal chairman's association;
 - g. An individual from the North Dakota state's attorneys' association, appointed by the executive director of the North Dakota state's attorneys' association; and
 - h. An individual from the governor's office, appointed by the governor.
2. The attorney general or the attorney general's designee shall serve as the presiding officer of the commission.
3. The commission shall:

- 1 a. Collect and evaluate data on human trafficking in this state and submit an annual
- 2 report to the attorney general, governor, and legislative assembly;
- 3 b. Promote awareness and provide information to education personnel and the
- 4 general public about human trafficking, victim remedies and services, and
- 5 trafficking prevention;
- 6 c. Promote training on human trafficking prevention and victim services for state
- 7 and local employees and members of regulated occupations and professions
- 8 who may have recurring contact with victims or perpetrators;
- 9 d. Promote training on human trafficking investigation and prosecution and on
- 10 missing and murdered indigenous people with the North Dakota state's attorney's
- 11 association, the North Dakota peace officers standards and training board, and
- 12 state and local law enforcement agencies;
- 13 e. Present annually regarding human trafficking awareness and prevention at
- 14 professional development conferences directed toward teachers, administrators,
- 15 and support staff which are hosted by educational organizations in this state or by
- 16 the department of public instruction;
- 17 f. Facilitate annual prevention and awareness education for students on human
- 18 trafficking and exploitation, in accordance with the new section to chapter
- 19 15.1-09, as created by Senate Bill No. 2330, as approved by the sixty-ninth
- 20 legislative assembly; and
- 21 g. Conduct other appropriate activities.

22 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-33.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24 **54-12-33.1. Human trafficking prevention training - Exemptions - Immunity -**
25 **Continuing appropriation.**

- 26 1. As used in this section:
- 27 a. "Human trafficking" means human trafficking as defined in chapter 12.1-41.
- 28 b. "Human trafficking commission" means the commission established under
- 29 section 54-12-33.
- 30 c. "Lodging establishment" means any hotel, motel, resort, building, or structure that
- 31 is used to provide sleeping accommodations to transient guests.

- 1 d. "Proprietor" means the person in charge of a lodging establishment and includes
- 2 an owner, lessee, and manager.
- 3 e. "Regulated occupation or profession" includes a profession regulated by the
- 4 education standards and practices board, an occupation or profession regulated
- 5 under title 43, and an attorney licensed to practice law in this state.
- 6 2. ~~Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, the~~The human trafficking
- 7 commission shall establish an educational training program with a focus on the
- 8 accurate and prompt identification and reporting of, or response to, suspected human
- 9 trafficking. To the extent possible, the human trafficking commission shall allow the use
- 10 of existing training modules and materials. The training must include:
- 11 a. Human trafficking awareness;
- 12 b. How to recognize potential victims of human trafficking;
- 13 c. How to identify activities commonly associated with human trafficking; and
- 14 d. Effective responses to human trafficking situations, including how to report
- 15 suspected human trafficking to law enforcement.
- 16 3. A proprietor may:
- 17 a. Provide each onsite employee with the training described in subsection 2.
- 18 b. In an employee roster or in each employee's personnel file, annually certify each
- 19 employee has received the training approved by the human trafficking
- 20 commission.
- 21 c. Conduct an ongoing awareness campaign for employees which addresses the
- 22 information described in subsection 2.
- 23 4. A proprietor may post and maintain a poster approved and provided by the human
- 24 trafficking commission which contains the information described in subsection 2. The
- 25 poster must include the contact information for an organization that provides
- 26 assistance and support services to human trafficking victims. The poster may be
- 27 visibly displayed at the lodging establishment's check-in area, lobby, or transient guest
- 28 services.
- 29 5. An entity that regulates an occupation or profession may accept the training described
- 30 in subsection 2 for continuing education credit.

1 6. A proprietor or employee of a lodging establishment or a member of a regulated
2 occupation or profession who acts in good faith is immune from liability in any civil
3 action for reporting suspected human trafficking activities but a member of a regulated
4 occupation or profession may be subject to disciplinary action for the reporting if the
5 reporting violates an applicable ethics regulation imposed by the member's regulated
6 occupation or profession.

7 ~~6.7.~~ The human trafficking commission may seek, apply for, accept, and receive any
8 donation, gift, grant, or bequest offered or tendered from public or private sources for
9 the purpose of furthering the objectives of the human trafficking prevention training
10 and incentivizing proprietors and members of a regulated occupation or profession to
11 participate in the human trafficking prevention training. All moneys received or
12 accepted under this subsection are appropriated on a continuing basis to the human
13 trafficking commission.

14 **SECTION 4. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective if
15 the new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, as created by Senate Bill
16 No. 2330, is approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.