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HOUSE BILL 1896**

AN ACT TO (1) AMEND THE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAMS; (2) IMPLEMENT A SATELLITE-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM TO ASSIST WITH THE SUPERVISION OF CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE; (3) EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF 'SEXUAL CONTACT' AS IT RELATES TO THE OFFENSE OF SEXUAL BATTERY; (4) AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO STUDY THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PRACTICES OF SEX OFFENDERS; (5) CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL SERVITUDE; (6) AMEND THE OFFENSE OF INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE; (7) ADD THE OFFENSE OF SEXUAL SERVITUDE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES THAT REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION LAWS; (8) TO MAKE IT A CLASS G FELONY FOR A SEX OFFENDER TO RESIDE WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OR A CHILD CARE CENTER; (9) AMEND LAWS APPLICABLE TO NOTIFICATION OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA'S CHILDREN/SEX OFFENDER LAW CHANGES."

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) This act shall be known as "An Act To Protect North Carolina's Children/Sex Offender Law Changes."

SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 14-208.6(5) reads as rewritten:

"(5) 'Sexually violent offense' means a violation of G.S. 14-27.2 (first degree rape), G.S. 14-27.3 (second degree rape), G.S. 14-27.4 (first degree sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.5 (second degree sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.5A (sexual battery), G.S. 14-27.6 (attempted rape or sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.7 (intercourse and sexual offense with certain victims), G.S. 14-27.7A(a) (statutory rape or sexual offense of person who is 13-, 14-, or 15-years-old where the defendant is at least six years older), G.S. 14-178 (incest between near relatives), G.S. 14-190.6 (employing or permitting minor to assist in offenses against public morality and decency), G.S. 14-190.9(a1) (felonious indecent exposure), G.S. 14-190.16 (first degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-190.17 (second degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-190.17A (third degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-190.18 (promoting prostitution of a minor), G.S. 14-190.19 (participating in the prostitution of a minor), G.S. 14-202.1 (taking indecent liberties with children), or G.S. 14-202.3 (Solicitation of child by computer to commit an unlawful sex act). The term also includes the following: a solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of these offenses; aiding and abetting any of these offenses."

SECTION 1.(c) Section 1(a) shall be effective when the act becomes law. The remainder of this section becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 14-208.6A reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.6A. Lifetime registration requirements for criminal offenders.

It is the objective of the General Assembly to establish a 10-year registration requirement for persons convicted of certain offenses against minors or sexually violent offenses. It is the further objective of the General Assembly to establish a more stringent set of registration requirements for recidivists, persons who commit aggravated offenses, and for a subclass of highly dangerous sex offenders who are determined by a sentencing court with the assistance of a board of experts to be sexually violent predators.

To accomplish this objective, there are established two registration programs: the Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program and the Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program. Any person convicted of an offense against a minor or of a sexually violent offense as defined by this Article shall register in person as an offender in accordance with Part 2 of this Article. Any person who is a recidivist, who commits an aggravated offense, or who is determined to be a sexually violent predator shall register in person as such in accordance with Part 3 of this Article.

The information obtained under these programs shall be immediately shared with the appropriate local, State, federal, and out-of-state law enforcement officials and penal institutions. In addition, the information designated under G.S. 14-208.10(a) as public record shall be readily available to and accessible by the public. However, the identity of the victim is not public record and shall not be released as a public record."

SECTION 2.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2006.

SECTION 3.(a) G.S. 14-208.6B reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.6B. Registration requirements for juveniles transferred to and convicted in superior court.

A juvenile transferred to superior court pursuant to G.S. 7B-2200 who is convicted of a sexually violent offense or an offense against a minor as defined in G.S. 14-208.6 shall register in person in accordance with this Article just as an adult convicted of the same offense must register."

SECTION 3.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2006.

SECTION 4.(a) Part 2 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-208.8A. Notification requirement for out-of-county employment if temporary residence established.

(a) Notice Required. – A person required to register under G.S. 14-208.7 shall notify the sheriff of the county with whom the person is registered of the person's place of employment and temporary residence, which includes a hotel, motel, or other transient lodging place, if the person meets both of the following conditions:

- (1) Is employed or carries on a vocation in a county in the State other than the county in which the person is registered for more than 10 business days within a 30-day period, or for an aggregate period exceeding 30 days in a calendar year, on a part-time or full-time basis, with or without compensation or government or educational benefit.
- (2) Maintains a temporary residence, including in that county for more than 10 business days within a 30-day period, or for an aggregate period exceeding 30 days in a calendar year.

(b) Time Period. – The notice required by subsection (a) of this section shall be provided within 72 hours after the person knows or should know that he or she will be working and maintaining a temporary residence in a county other than the county in which the person resides for more than 10 business days within a 30-day period, or within 10 days after the person knows or should know that he or she will be working

and maintaining a temporary residence in a county other than the county in which the person resides for an aggregate period exceeding 30 days in a calendar year.

(c) Notice to Division. – Upon receiving the notice required under subsection (a) of this section, the sheriff shall immediately forward the information to the Division. The Division shall notify the sheriff of the county where the person is working and maintaining a temporary residence of the person's place of employment and temporary address in that county."

SECTION 4.(b) This section becomes effective June 1, 2007.

SECTION 5.(a) G.S. 14-208.7 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.7. Registration.

(a) A person who is a State resident and who has a reportable conviction shall be required to maintain registration with the sheriff of the county where the person resides. If the person moves to North Carolina from outside this State, the person shall register within 10 days of establishing residence in this State, or whenever the person has been present in the State for 15 days, whichever comes first. If the person is a current resident of North Carolina, the person shall register:

- (1) Within 10 days of release from a penal institution or arrival in a county to live outside a penal institution; or
- (2) Immediately upon conviction for a reportable offense where an active term of imprisonment was not imposed.

Registration shall be maintained for a period of at least 10 years following the date of initial county registration. ~~release from a penal institution. If no active term of imprisonment was imposed, registration shall be maintained for a period of 10 years following each conviction for a reportable offense.~~

(a1) A person who is a nonresident student or a nonresident worker and who has a reportable conviction, or is required to register in the person's state of residency, is required to maintain registration with the sheriff of the county where the person works or attends school. In addition to the information required under subsection (b) of this section, the person shall also provide information regarding the person's school or place of employment as appropriate and the person's address in his or her state of residence.

(b) The Division shall provide each sheriff with forms for registering persons as required by this Article. The registration form shall require:

- (1) The person's full name, each alias, date of birth, sex, race, height, weight, eye color, hair color, drivers license number, and home address;
- (2) The type of offense for which the person was convicted, the date of conviction, and the sentence imposed;
- (3) A current photograph;
- (4) The person's fingerprints;
- (5) A statement indicating whether the person is a student or expects to enroll as a student within a year of registering. If the person is a student or expects to enroll as a student within a year of registration, then the registration form shall also require the name and address of the educational institution at which the person is a student or expects to enroll as a student; and
- (6) A statement indicating whether the person is employed or expects to be employed at an institution of higher education within a year of registering. If the person is employed or expects to be employed at an institution of higher education within a year of registration, then the registration form shall also require the name and address of the educational institution at which the person is or expects to be employed.

The sheriff shall photograph the individual at the time of registration and take fingerprints from the individual at the time of registration both of which will be kept as

part of the registration form. The registrant will not be required to pay any fees for the photograph or fingerprints taken at the time of registration.

(c) When a person registers, the sheriff with whom the person registered shall immediately send the registration information to the Division in a manner determined by the Division. The sheriff shall retain the original registration form and other information collected and shall compile the information that is a public record under this Part into a county registry.

(d) Any person required to register under this section shall report in person at the appropriate sheriff's office to comply with the registration requirements set out in this section. The sheriff shall provide the registrant with written proof of registration at the time of registration."

SECTION 5.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2006.

SECTION 6.(a) G.S. 14-208.9 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.9. Change of address; change of academic status or educational employment status.

(a) If a person required to register changes address, the person shall report in person and provide written notice of the new address not later than the tenth day after the change to the sheriff of the county with whom the person had last registered. Upon receipt of the notice, the sheriff shall immediately forward this information to the Division. If the person moves to another county in this State, the Division shall inform the sheriff of the new county of the person's new residence.

(b) If a person required to register ~~moves-intends to move~~ to another state, the person shall report in person to the sheriff of the county of current residence at least 10 days before the date the person intends to leave this State to establish residence in another state or jurisdiction, provide written notice of the new address not later than 10 days after the change to the sheriff of the county with whom the person had last registered. Upon receipt of the notice, the The person shall provide to the sheriff a written notification that includes all of the following information: the address, municipality, county, and state of intended residence.

(1) If it appears to the sheriff that the record photograph of the sex offender no longer provides a true and accurate likeness of the sex offender, then the sheriff shall take a photograph of the offender to update the registration.

(2) The sheriff shall ~~notify~~ inform the person that the person must comply with the registration requirements in the new state of residence. The sheriff shall also immediately forward the ~~change of address~~ information included in the notification to the Division, and the Division shall inform the appropriate state official in the state to which the registrant moves of the person's notification and new address.

(b1) A person who indicates his or her intent to reside in another state or jurisdiction and later decides to remain in this State shall, within 10 days after the date upon which the person indicated he or she would leave this State, report in person to the sheriff's office to which the person reported the intended change of residence, of his or her intent to remain in this State. If the sheriff is notified by the sexual offender that he or she intends to remain in this State, the sheriff shall promptly report this information to the Division.

(c) If a person required to register changes his or her academic status either by enrolling as a student or by terminating enrollment as a student, then the person ~~shall~~ shall, within 10 days, report in person to the sheriff of the county with whom the person registered and provide written notice of the ~~person's new status not later than the tenth day after the change to the sheriff of the county with whom the person registered.~~ status. The written notice shall include the name and address of the institution of higher education at which the student is or was enrolled. ~~Upon receipt of the notice, the~~ The sheriff shall immediately forward this information to the Division.

(d) If a person required to register changes his or her employment status either by obtaining employment at an institution of higher education or by terminating employment at an institution of higher education, then the person ~~shall~~ shall, within 10 days, report in person to the sheriff of the county with whom the person registered and provide written notice of the person's new status not later than the tenth day after the change to the sheriff of the county with whom the person registered. The written notice shall include the name and address of the institution of higher education at which the person is or was employed. ~~Upon receipt of the notice, the~~ The sheriff shall immediately forward this information to the Division."

SECTION 6.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2006.

SECTION 7.(a) G.S. 14-208.9A reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.9A. **Verification of registration information.**

(a) The information in the county registry shall be verified ~~annually~~ semiannually for each registrant as follows:

- (1) Every year on the anniversary of a person's initial registration date, and again six months after that date, the Division shall mail a nonforwardable verification form to the last reported address of the person.
- (2) The person shall return the verification form in person to the sheriff within 10 days after the receipt of the form.
- (3) The verification form shall be signed by the person and shall indicate whether the person still resides at the address last reported to the sheriff. If the person has a different address, then the person shall indicate that fact and the new address.
- (3a) If it appears to the sheriff that the record photograph of the sex offender no longer provides a true and accurate likeness of the sex offender, then the sheriff shall take a photograph of the offender to include with the verification form.
- (4) If the person fails to return the verification form in person to the sheriff within 10 days after receipt of the form, the person is subject to the penalties provided in G.S. 14-208.11. ~~If the verification form is returned to the sheriff as undeliverable,~~ person fails to report in person and provide the written verification as provided by this section, the sheriff shall make a reasonable attempt to verify that the person is residing at the registered address. If the person cannot be found at the registered address and has failed to report a change of address, the person is subject to the penalties provided in G.S. 14-208.11, unless the person reports in person to the sheriff and proves that the person has not changed his or her residential address.

(b) Additional Verification May Be Required. – During the period that an offender is required to be registered under this Article, the sheriff is authorized to attempt to verify that the offender continues to reside at the address last registered by the offender.

(c) Additional Photograph May Be Required. – If it appears to the sheriff that the current photograph of the sex offender no longer provides a true and accurate likeness of the sex offender, upon in-person notice from the sheriff, the sex offender shall allow the sheriff to take another photograph of the sex offender at the time of the sheriff's request. If requested by the sheriff, the sex offender shall appear in person at the sheriff's office during normal business hours within 72 hours of being requested to do so and shall allow the sheriff to take another photograph of the sex offender. A person who willfully fails to comply with this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

SECTION 7.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to offenses on or after that date.

SECTION 8.(a) G.S. 14-208.11 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.11. Failure to register; falsification of verification notice; failure to return verification form; order for arrest.

"(a) A person required by this Article to register who willfully does any of the following is guilty of a Class F felony:

- (1) Fails to register-register as required by this Article.
- (2) Fails to notify the last registering sheriff of a change of address-address as required by this Article.
- (3) Fails to return a verification notice as required under G.S. 14-208.9A.
- (4) Forges or submits under false pretenses the information or verification notices required under this Article.
- (5) Fails to inform the registering sheriff of enrollment or termination of enrollment as a student.
- (6) Fails to inform the registering sheriff of employment at an institution of higher education or termination of employment at an institution of higher education.
- (7) Fails to report in person to the sheriff's office as required by G.S. 14-208.7, 14-208.9, and 14-208.9A.
- (8) Reports his or her intent to reside in another state or jurisdiction but remains in this State without reporting to the sheriff in the manner required by G.S. 14-208.9.

(a1) If a person commits a violation of subsection (a) of this section, the probation officer, parole officer, or any other law enforcement officer who is aware of the violation shall immediately arrest the person in accordance with G.S. 15A-401, or seek an order for the person's arrest in accordance with G.S. 15A-305.

(b) Before a person convicted of a violation of this Article is due to be released from a penal institution, an official of the penal institution shall conduct the prerelease notification procedures specified under G.S. 14-208.8(a)(2) and (3). If upon a conviction for a violation of this Article, no active term of imprisonment is imposed, the court pronouncing sentence shall, at the time of sentencing, conduct the notification procedures specified under G.S. 14-208.8(a)(2) and (3).

(c) A person who is unable to meet the registration or verification requirements of this Article shall be deemed to have complied with its requirements if:

- (1) The person is incarcerated in, or is in the custody of, a local, State, private, or federal correctional facility,
- (2) The person notifies the official in charge of the facility of their status as a person with a legal obligation or requirement under this Article and
- (3) The person meets the registration or verification requirements of this Article no later than 10 days after release from confinement or custody."

SECTION 8.(b) G.S. 14-208.11(a), as amended by Section 8(a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"(a) A person required by this Article to register who willfully does any of the following is guilty of a Class F felony:

- ...
- (9) Fails to notify the registering sheriff of out-of-county employment if temporary residence is established as required under G.S. 14-208.8A."

SECTION 8.(c) Section 8(b) of this section becomes effective June 1, 2007, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this section becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

SECTION 9.1.(a) Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-208.11A. Duty to report noncompliance of a sex offender; penalty for failure to report in certain circumstances.

(a) It shall be unlawful and a Class H felony for any person who has reason to believe that an offender is in violation of the requirements of this Article, and who has the intent to assist the offender in eluding arrest, to do any of the following:

- (1) Withhold information from, or fail to notify, a law enforcement agency about the offender's noncompliance with the requirements of this Article, and, if known, the whereabouts of the offender.
- (2) Harbor, attempt to harbor, or assist another person in harboring or attempting to harbor, the offender.
- (3) Conceal, or attempt to conceal, or assist another person in concealing or attempting to conceal, the offender.
- (4) Provide information to a law enforcement agency regarding the offender that the person knows to be false information.

(b) This section does not apply if the offender is incarcerated in or is in the custody of a local, State, private, or federal correctional facility."

SECTION 9.1.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

SECTION 10.(a) G.S. 14-208.12A reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.12A. Termination Request for termination of registration requirement.

(a) A person required to register under this Part may petition the superior court in the district where the person resides to terminate the registration requirement. The requirement that a person register under this Part automatically terminates 10 years from the date of initial county registration if the person has not been convicted of a subsequent offense requiring registration under this Article.

(a1) The court may grant the relief if:

- (1) The petitioner demonstrates to the court that he or she has not been arrested for any crime that would require registration under this Article since completing the sentence,
- (2) The requested relief complies with the provisions of the federal Jacob Wetterling Act, as amended, and any other federal standards applicable to the termination of a registration requirement or required to be met as a condition for the receipt of federal funds by the State, and
- (3) The court is otherwise satisfied that the petitioner is not a current or potential threat to public safety.

(a2) The district attorney in the district in which the petition is filed shall be given notice of the petition at least three weeks before the hearing on the matter. The petitioner may present evidence in support of the petition and the district attorney may present evidence in opposition to the requested relief or may otherwise demonstrate the reasons why the petition should be denied.

(a3) If the court denies the petition, the person may again petition the court for relief in accordance with this section one year from the date of the denial of the original petition to terminate the registration requirement. If the court grants the petition to terminate the registration requirement, the clerk of court shall forward a certified copy of the order to the Division to have the person's name removed from the registry.

(b) If there is a subsequent offense, the county registration records shall be retained until the registration requirement for the subsequent offense is terminated. terminated by the court under subsection (a1) of this section."

SECTION 10.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to persons for whom the period of registration would terminate on or after that date.

SECTION 11.(a) Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-208.16. Residential restrictions.

(a) A registrant under this Article shall not knowingly reside within 1,000 feet of the property on which any public or nonpublic school or child care center is located.

(b) As used in this section, 'school' does not include home schools as defined in G.S. 115C-563 or institutions of higher education, and the term 'child care center' is defined by G.S. 110-86(3). The term 'registrant' means a person who is registered, or is required to register, under this Article.

(c) This section does not apply to child care centers that are located on or within 1,000 feet of the property of an institution of higher education where the registrant is a student or is employed.

(d) Changes in the ownership of or use of property within 1,000 feet of a registrant's registered address that occur after a registrant establishes residency at the registered address shall not form the basis for finding that an offender is in violation of this section. For purposes of this subsection, a residence is established when the registrant does any of the following:

- (1) Purchases the residence or enters into a specifically enforceable contract to purchase the residence.
- (2) Enters into a written lease contract for the residence and for as long as the person is lawfully entitled to remain on the premises.
- (3) Resides with an immediate family member who established residence in accordance with this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, 'immediate family member' means a child, sibling, or parent of the registrant.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating a private cause of action against a real estate agent or landlord for any act or omission arising out of the residential restriction in this section.

(f) A violation of this section is a Class G felony."

SECTION 11.(b) Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-208.17. Sexual predator prohibited from working or volunteering for child-involved activities; limitation on residential use.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person required to register under this Article to work for any person or as a sole proprietor, with or without compensation, at any place where a minor is present and the person's responsibilities or activities would include instruction, supervision, or care of a minor or minors.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct any activity at his or her residence where the person:

- (1) Accepts a minor or minors into his or her care or custody from another, and
- (2) Knows that a person who resides at that same location is required to register under this Article.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class F felony."

SECTION 11.(c) Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to all persons registered or required to register on or after that date. Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to a person who has established a residence prior to the effective date of this subsection in accordance with the provisions in G.S. 14-208.16(d)(1), (2), or (3) as enacted by this act. This subsection is effective when this act becomes law. The remainder of this section is effective on December 1, 2006, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

SECTION 12.(a) G.S. 14-27.1(5) reads as rewritten:

"(5) 'Sexual contact' means (i) touching the sexual organ, anus, breast, groin, or buttocks of any person, ~~or~~ (ii) a person touching another person with their own sexual organ, anus, breast, groin, or ~~buttocks~~ buttocks, or (iii) a person ejaculating, emitting, or placing semen, urine, or feces upon any part of another person."

SECTION 12.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

SECTION 13. G.S. 14-208.28 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.28. Verification of registration information.

The information provided to the sheriff shall be verified ~~annually~~ semiannually for each juvenile registrant as follows:

- (1) Every year on the anniversary of a juvenile's initial registration ~~date, date and six months after that date,~~ the sheriff shall mail a verification form to the juvenile court counselor assigned to the juvenile.
- (2) The juvenile court counselor for the juvenile shall return the verification form to the sheriff within 10 days after the receipt of the form.
- (3) The verification form shall be signed by the juvenile court counselor and the juvenile and shall indicate whether the juvenile still resides at the address last reported to the sheriff. If the juvenile has a different address, then that fact and the new address shall be indicated on the form."

SECTION 14. G.S. 15A-1341 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(d) Search of Sex Offender Registration Information Required When Placing a Defendant on Probation. – When the court places a defendant on probation, the probation officer assigned to the defendant shall conduct a search of the defendant's name or other identifying information against the registration information regarding sex offenders compiled by the Division of Criminal Statistics of the Department of Justice in accordance with Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes. The probation officer may conduct the search using the Internet site maintained by the Division of Criminal Statistics."

SECTION 15.(a) Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"Part 5. Sex Offender Monitoring.

"§ 14-208.33. Establishment of program; creation of guidelines; duties.

(a) The Department of Correction shall establish a sex offender monitoring program that uses a continuous satellite-based monitoring system and shall create guidelines to govern the program. The program shall be designed to monitor two categories of offenders as follows:

- (1) Any offender who is convicted of a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4) and who is required to register under Part 3 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes because the defendant is classified as a sexually violent predator, is a recidivist, or was convicted of an aggravated offense as those terms are defined in G.S. 14-208.6. An offender in this category who is ordered by the court to submit to satellite-based monitoring is subject to that requirement for the person's natural life, unless the requirement is terminated pursuant to G.S. 14-208.36.
- (2) Any offender who satisfies all of the following criteria: (i) is convicted of a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4), (ii) is required to register under Part 2 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, (iii) has committed an offense involving the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor, and (iv) based on the Department's risk assessment program requires the highest possible level of supervision and monitoring. An offender in this category who is ordered by the court to submit to satellite-based monitoring is subject to that requirement only for the period of time ordered by the court and is not subject to a requirement of lifetime satellite-based monitoring.

(b) In developing the guidelines for the program, the Department shall require that any offender who is enrolled in the satellite-based program submit to an active

continuous satellite-based monitoring program, unless an active program will not work as provided by this section. If the Department determines that an active program will not work as provided by this section, then the Department shall require that the defendant submit to a passive continuous satellite-based program that works within the technological or geographical limitations.

(c) The satellite-based monitoring program shall use a system that provides all of the following:

- (1) Time-correlated and continuous tracking of the geographic location of the subject using a global positioning system based on satellite and other location tracking technology.
- (2) Reporting of subject's violations of prescriptive and proscriptive schedule or location requirements. Frequency of reporting may range from once a day (passive) to near real-time (active).

(d) The Department may contract with a single vendor for the hardware services needed to monitor subject offenders and correlate their movements to reported crime incidents. The contract may provide for services necessary to implement or facilitate any of the provisions of this Part.

"§ 14-208.34. Enrollment in satellite-based monitoring programs mandatory; length of enrollment.

(a) Any person described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1) shall enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program with the Division of Community Corrections office in the county where the person resides. The person shall remain enrolled in the satellite-based monitoring program for the registration period imposed under G.S. 14-208.23 which is the person's life, unless the requirement to enroll in the satellite-based monitoring program is terminated pursuant to G.S. 14-208.35.

(b) Any person described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2) who is ordered by the court to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program shall do so with the Division of Community Corrections office in the county where the person resides. The person shall remain enrolled in the satellite-based monitoring program for the period of time ordered by the court.

"§ 14-208.35. Lifetime registration offenders required to submit to satellite-based monitoring for life and to continue on unsupervised probation upon completion of sentence.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when the court sentences an offender who is in the category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1) for a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4), and orders the offender to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program, the court shall also order that the offender, upon completion of the offender's sentence and any term of parole, post-release supervision, intermediate punishment, or supervised probation that follows the sentence, continue to be enrolled in the satellite-based monitoring program for the offender's life and be placed on unsupervised probation unless the requirement that the person enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program is terminated pursuant to G.S. 14-208.36.

"§ 14-208.36. Request for termination of satellite-based monitoring requirement.

(a) An offender described by G.S. 14-308.33(a)(1) who is required to submit to satellite-based monitoring for the offender's life may file a request for termination of monitoring requirement with the Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission. The request to terminate the satellite-based monitoring requirement and to terminate the accompanying requirement of unsupervised probation may not be submitted until at least one year after the offender: (i) has served his or her sentence for the offense for which the satellite-based monitoring requirement was imposed, and (ii) has also completed any period of probation, parole, or post-release supervision imposed as part of the sentence.

(b) Upon receipt of the request for termination, the Commission shall review documentation contained in the offender's file and the statewide registry to determine whether the person has complied with the provisions of this Article. In addition, the

Commission shall conduct fingerprint-based state and federal criminal history record checks to determine whether the person has been convicted of any additional reportable convictions.

(c) If it is determined that the person has not received any additional reportable convictions during the period of satellite-based monitoring and the person has substantially complied with the provisions of this Article, the Commission may terminate the monitoring requirement if the Commission finds that the person is not likely to pose a threat to the safety of others.

(d) If it is determined that the person has received any additional reportable convictions during the period of satellite-based monitoring or has not substantially complied with the provisions of this Article, the Commission shall not order the termination of the monitoring requirement.

(e) The Commission shall not consider any request to terminate a monitoring requirement except as provided by this section. The Commission has no authority to consider or terminate a monitoring requirement for an offender described in G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2).

"§ 14-208.37. Failure to enroll; tampering with device.

(a) Any person required to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program who fails to enroll shall be guilty of a Class F felony.

(b) Any person who intentionally tampers with, removes, or vandalizes a device issued pursuant to a satellite-based monitoring program to a person duly enrolled in the program shall be guilty of a Class E felony.

"§ 14-208.38. Fees.

(a) There shall be a one-time fee of ninety dollars (\$90.00) assessed to each person required to enroll pursuant to this Part. The court may exempt a person from paying the fee only for good cause and upon motion of the person placed on satellite-based monitoring. The court may require that the fee be paid in advance or in a lump sum or sums, and a probation officer may require payment by those methods if the officer is authorized by subsection (c) of this section to determine the payment schedule. This fee is intended to offset only the costs associated with the time-correlated tracking of the geographic location of subjects using the location tracking crime correlation system.

(b) The fee shall be payable to the clerk of superior court, and the fees shall be remitted quarterly to the Department of Correction.

(c) If a person placed on supervised probation, parole, or post-release supervision is required as a condition of that probation, parole, or post-release supervision to pay any moneys to the clerk of superior court, the court may delegate to a probation officer the responsibility to determine the payment schedule."

SECTION 15.(b) G.S. 15A-1343(b2) reads as rewritten:

"(b2) Special Conditions of Probation for Sex Offenders and Persons Convicted of Offenses Involving Physical, Mental, or Sexual Abuse of a Minor. – As special conditions of probation, a defendant who has been convicted of an offense which is a reportable conviction as defined in G.S. 14-208.6(4), or which involves the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor, must:

- (1) Register as required by G.S. 14-208.7 if the offense is a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4).
- (2) Participate in such evaluation and treatment as is necessary to complete a prescribed course of psychiatric, psychological, or other rehabilitative treatment as ordered by the court.
- (3) Not communicate with, be in the presence of, or found in or on the premises of the victim of the offense.
- (4) Not reside in a household with any minor child if the offense is one in which there is evidence of sexual abuse of a minor.
- (5) Not reside in a household with any minor child if the offense is one in which there is evidence of physical or mental abuse of a minor, unless

the court expressly finds that it is unlikely that the defendant's harmful or abusive conduct will recur and that it would be in the minor child's best interest to allow the probationer to reside in the same household with a minor child.

- (6) Satisfy any other conditions determined by the court to be reasonably related to his rehabilitation.
- (7) Submit to satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, if the defendant is described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1).
- (8) Submit to satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, if the defendant is in the category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2), and the Department of Correction, based on the Department's risk assessment program, recommends that the defendant submit to the highest possible level of supervision and monitoring.

Defendants subject to the provisions of this subsection shall not be placed on unsupervised probation, except as provided in G.S. 14-208.35."

SECTION 15.(c) G.S. 15A-1343.2 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(f1) Mandatory Condition of Satellite-Based Monitoring for Some Sex Offenders. – Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the court shall impose satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes as a condition of probation on any offender who is described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1)."

SECTION 15.(d) G.S. 15A-1343.2(f) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

- (5) Submit to satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, if the defendant is described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2).

SECTION 15.(e) G.S. 15A-1344 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e2) Mandatory Satellite-Based Monitoring Required for Extension of Probation in Response to Violation by Certain Sex Offenders. – If a defendant who is in the category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1) or G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2) violates probation and if the court extends the probation as a result of the violation, then the court shall order satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes as a condition of the extended probation."

SECTION 15.(f) G.S. 15A-1368.2 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(c1) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, a person required to submit to satellite-based monitoring pursuant to G.S. 15A-1368.4(b1)(6) shall continue to participate in satellite-based monitoring beyond the period of post-release supervision until the Commission releases the person from that requirement pursuant to G.S. 14-208.36."

SECTION 15.(g) G.S. 15A-1368.4 (b1) reads as rewritten:

"(b1) Additional Required Conditions for Sex Offenders and Persons Convicted of Offenses Involving Physical, Mental, or Sexual Abuse of a Minor. – In addition to the required condition set forth in subsection (b) of this section, for a supervisee who has been convicted of an offense which is a reportable conviction as defined in G.S. 14-208.6(4), or which involves the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor, controlling conditions, violations of which may result in revocation of post-release supervision, are:

- (1) Register as required by G.S. 14-208.7 if the offense is a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4).

- (2) Participate in such evaluation and treatment as is necessary to complete a prescribed course of psychiatric, psychological, or other rehabilitative treatment as ordered by the Commission.
- (3) Not communicate with, be in the presence of, or found in or on the premises of the victim of the offense.
- (4) Not reside in a household with any minor child if the offense is one in which there is evidence of sexual abuse of a minor.
- (5) Not reside in a household with any minor child if the offense is one in which there is evidence of physical or mental abuse of a minor, unless a court of competent jurisdiction expressly finds that it is unlikely that the defendant's harmful or abusive conduct will recur and that it would be in the child's best interest to allow the supervisee to reside in the same household with a minor child.
- (6) Submit to satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, if the offense is a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4) and the supervisee is in the category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1).
- (7) Submit to satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, if the offense is a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4) and the supervisee is in the category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2)."

SECTION 15.(h) G.S. 15A-1374 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b1) Mandatory Satellite-Based Monitoring Required as Condition of Parole for Certain Offenders. – If a parolee is in a category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1) or G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2), the Commission must require as a condition of parole that the parolee submit to satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes."

SECTION 15.(i) G.S. 143B-266 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) The Commission may accept and review requests from persons placed on probation, parole, or post-release supervision to terminate a mandatory condition of satellite-based monitoring as provided by G.S. 14-208.35. The Commission may grant or deny those requests in compliance with G.S.14-208.35."

SECTION 15.(j) The Department of Correction shall have the program enacted by subsection (a) of this section established by January 1, 2007.

SECTION 15.(k) This subsection is effective on July 1, 2006. Of the funds appropriated by Senate Bill 1741 as enacted by the 2005 General Assembly, Regular Session 2006, to the Department of Correction for the 2006-2007 fiscal year the sum of one million three hundred seven thousand two hundred eighteen dollars (\$1,307,218) shall be used to implement the sex offender monitoring program established pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding G.S. 143-23(a2), the Department of Correction may use available funds to implement this program during the 2006-2007 fiscal year if expenditures are anticipated to exceed the amount appropriated by this act. Prior to exceeding the amount appropriated for this program by this act, the Department of Correction shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

SECTION 15.(l) Unless otherwise provided in the section, this section is effective when it becomes law and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. This section also applies to any person sentenced to intermediate punishment on or after that date and to any person released from prison by parole or post-release supervision on or after that date. This section also applies to any person who completes his or her sentence on or after the effective date of this section who is not on post-release supervision or parole. However, the requirement to enroll in a satellite-based program is not mandatory until January 1, 2007, when the program is established.

SECTION 16. The Department of Correction shall either issue an RFP prior to signing a contract, or with prior approval by the State Chief Information Officer or his designee, enter into a contract through an approved contracting alliance or consortium for a passive and active Global Positioning System. The system shall be for use as an intermediate sanction and to help supervise certain sex offenders who are placed on probation, parole, or post-release supervision. If an RFP is issued, the contract shall be awarded by October 1, 2006 for contract terms to begin January 1, 2007. The Department of Correction shall report by November 1, 2006 to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the details of the awarded contract.

SECTION 17. No later than January 1, 2007, the Department of Correction shall develop a graduated risk assessment program that identifies, assesses, and closely monitors a high-risk sex offender who, while not classified as a sexually violent predator, a recidivist, or convicted of an aggravated offense as those terms are defined in G.S. 14-208.6, may still require extraordinary supervision and may be placed on probation, parole, or post-release supervision only on the conditions provided in G.S. 15A-1343(b2) or G.S. 15A-1368.4(b1).

SECTION 18. The Department of Correction shall study and develop a plan for offering mental health treatment for incarcerated sex offenders designed to reduce the likelihood of recidivism. The Department shall study appropriate and effective mental health treatment techniques and alternatives. Services must be best practices, as determined by the Department. The Department will consult various stakeholders from organizations dedicated to the prevention of sexual assault, victims' advocacy organizations, and experts in the field of treatment of sexual offenders. The Department shall consider the fiscal impact, if any, of implementing the plan developed pursuant to this study.

The Department shall make a preliminary report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services no later than January 15, 2007, and a final report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2007.

SECTION 19.(a) G.S. 14-208.6(4)(b) reads as rewritten:

"b. A final conviction in another state of an offense, which if committed in this State, is substantially similar to an offense against a minor or a sexually violent offense as defined by this ~~section~~section, or a final conviction in another state of an offense that requires registration under the sex offender registration statutes of that state."

SECTION 19.(b) Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-9.3. Notification of requirements for sex offender registration.

The Division shall provide notice to each person who applies for the issuance of a drivers license, learner's permit, or instruction permit to operate a motor vehicle, and to each person who applies for an identification card, that if the person is a sex offender, then the person is required to register pursuant to Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes."

SECTION 19.(c) G.S. 20-9 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(i) The Division shall not issue a drivers license to an applicant who has resided in this State for less than 12 months until the Division has searched the National Sex Offender Public Registry to determine if the person is currently registered as a sex offender in another state.

(1) If the Division finds that the person is currently registered as a sex offender in another state, the Division shall not issue a drivers license to the person until the person submits proof of registration pursuant to

Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes issued by the sheriff of the county where the person resides.

- (2) If the person does not appear on the National Sex Offender Public Registry, the Division shall issue a drivers license but shall require the person to sign an affidavit acknowledging that the person has been notified that if the person is a sex offender, then the person is required to register pursuant to Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes.
- (3) If the Division is unable to access all states' information contained in the National Sex Offender Public Registry, but the person is otherwise qualified to obtain a drivers license, then the Division shall issue the drivers license but shall first require the person to sign an affidavit stating that: (i) the person does not appear on the National Sex Offender Public Registry and (ii) acknowledging that the person has been notified that if the person is a sex offender, then the person is required to register pursuant to Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes. The Division shall search the National Sex Offender Public Registry for the person within a reasonable time after access to the Registry is restored. If the person does appear in the National Sex Offender Public Registry, the person is in violation of G.S. 20-30, and the Division shall immediately revoke the drivers license and shall promptly notify the sheriff of the county where the person resides of the offense.
- (4) Any person denied a license or whose license has been revoked by the Division pursuant to this subsection shall have a right to file a petition within 30 days thereafter for a hearing in the matter in the superior court of the county wherein such person shall reside, or to the resident judge of the district or judge holding the court of that district, or special or emergency judge holding a court in such district, and such court or judge is hereby vested with jurisdiction, and it shall be its or his duty to set the matter for hearing upon 30 days' written notice to the Division, and thereupon to take testimony and examine into the facts of the case and to determine whether the petitioner is entitled to a license under the provisions of this subsection and whether the petitioner is in violation of G.S. 20-30."

SECTION 19.(d) G.S. 20-37.7 is amended by adding a new subsection to

read:

"(b1) Search National Sex Offender Public Registry. – The Division shall not issue a special identification card to an applicant who has resided in this State for less than 12 months until the Division has searched the National Sex Offender Public Registry to determine if the person is currently registered as a sex offender in another state.

- (1) If the Division finds that the person is currently registered as a sex offender in another state, the Division shall not issue a special identification card to the person until the person submits proof of registration pursuant to Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes issued by the sheriff of the county where the person resides.
- (2) If the person does not appear on the National Sex Offender Public Registry, the Division shall issue a special identification card but shall require the person to sign an affidavit acknowledging that the person has been notified that if the person is a sex offender, then the person is required to register pursuant to Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes.
- (3) If the Division is unable to access all states' information contained in the National Sex Offender Public Registry, but the person is otherwise qualified to obtain a special identification card, then the Division shall

issue the card but shall first require the person to sign an affidavit stating that: (i) the person does not appear on the National Sex Offender Public Registry and (ii) acknowledging that the person has been notified that if the person is a sex offender, then the person is required to register pursuant to Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes. The Division shall search the National Sex Offender Public Registry for the person within a reasonable time after access to the Registry is restored. If the person does appear in the National Sex Offender Public Registry, the person is in violation of G.S. 20-37.8, and the Division shall promptly notify the sheriff of the county where the person resides of the offense.

- (4) Any person denied a special identification card by the Division pursuant to this subsection shall have a right to file a petition within 30 days thereafter for a hearing in the matter in the superior court of the county wherein such person shall reside, or to the resident judge of the district or judge holding the court of that district, or special or emergency judge holding a court in such district, and such court or judge is hereby vested with jurisdiction, and it shall be its or his duty to set the matter for hearing upon 30 days' written notice to the Division, and thereupon to take testimony and examine into the facts of the case and to determine whether the petitioner is entitled to a special identification card under the provisions of this subsection and whether the petitioner is in violation of G.S. 20-37.8."

SECTION 19.(e) Section 19.(a) of this act becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to all offenses committed on or after that date and to all individuals who move into this State on or after that date. The remainder of this section becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to all applications for a drivers license, learner's permit, instruction permit, or special identification card submitted on or after that date.

SECTION 20.(a) G.S. 14-43.2 is repealed.

SECTION 20.(b) Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 10A.
"Human Trafficking.

"§ 14-43.4. Definitions.

(a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this Article:

(1) Coercion. – The term includes all of the following:

- a. Causing or threatening to cause bodily harm to any person, physically restraining or confining any person, or threatening to physically restrain or confine any person.
- b. Exposing or threatening to expose any fact or information that if revealed would tend to subject a person to criminal or immigration proceedings, hatred, contempt, or ridicule.
- c. Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or possessing any actual or purported passport or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document, of any person.
- d. Providing a controlled substance, as defined by G.S. 90-87, to a person.

(2) Deception. – The term includes all of the following:

- a. Creating or confirming another's impression of an existing fact or past event that is false and which the accused knows or believes to be false.
- b. Maintaining the status or condition of a person arising from a pledge by that person of his or her personal services as security

- for a debt, if the value of those services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt or the length and nature of those services are not respectively limited and defined, or preventing a person from acquiring information pertinent to the disposition of such debt.
- c. Promising benefits or the performance of services that the accused does not intend to deliver or perform or knows will not be delivered or performed.
- (3) Involuntary servitude. – The term includes the following:
- a. The performance of labor, whether or not for compensation, or whether or not for the satisfaction of a debt; and
 - b. By deception, coercion, or intimidation using violence or the threat of violence or by any other means of coercion or intimidation.
- (4) Minor. – A person who is less than 18 years of age.
- (5) Sexual servitude. – The term includes the following:
- a. Any sexual activity as defined in G.S. 14-190.13 for which anything of value is directly or indirectly given, promised to, or received by any person, which conduct is induced or obtained by coercion or deception or which conduct is induced or obtained from a person under the age of 18 years; or
 - b. Any sexual activity as defined in G.S. 14-190.13 that is performed or provided by any person, which conduct is induced or obtained by coercion or deception or which conduct is induced or obtained from a person under the age of 18 years.

"§ 14-43.5. Human trafficking.

(a) A person commits the offense of human trafficking when that person knowingly recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains by any means another person with the intent that the other person be held in involuntary servitude or sexual servitude.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class F felony if the victim of the offense is an adult. A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class C felony if the victim of the offense is a minor.

(c) Each violation of this section constitutes a separate offense and shall not merge with any other offense. Evidence of failure to deliver benefits or perform services standing alone shall not be sufficient to authorize a conviction under this section.

"§ 14-43.6. Involuntary servitude.

(a) A person commits the offense of involuntary servitude when that person knowingly and willfully holds another in involuntary servitude.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class F felony if the victim of the offense is an adult. A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class C felony if the victim of the offense is a minor.

(c) Each violation of this section constitutes a separate offense and shall not merge with any other offense. Evidence of failure to deliver benefits or perform services standing alone shall not be sufficient to authorize a conviction under this section.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the laws governing the relationship between an unemancipated minor and his or her parents or legal guardian.

(e) If any person reports a violation of this section, which violation arises out of any contract for labor, to any party to the contract, the party shall immediately report the violation to the sheriff of the county in which the violation is alleged to have occurred for appropriate action. A person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

"§ 14-43.7. Sexual servitude.

(a) A person commits the offense of sexual servitude when that person knowingly subjects or maintains another in sexual servitude.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class F felony if the victim of the offense is an adult. A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class C felony if the victim of the offense is a minor.

(c) Each violation of this section constitutes a separate offense and shall not merge with any other offense. Evidence of failure to deliver benefits or perform services standing alone shall not be sufficient to authorize a conviction under this section."

SECTION 20.(c) G.S. 14-39(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Any person who shall unlawfully confine, restrain, or remove from one place to another, any other person 16 years of age or over without the consent of such person, or any other person under the age of 16 years without the consent of a parent or legal custodian of such person, shall be guilty of kidnapping if such confinement, restraint or removal is for the purpose of:

- (1) Holding such other person for a ransom or as a hostage or using such other person as a shield; or
- (2) Facilitating the commission of any felony or facilitating flight of any person following the commission of a felony; or
- (3) Doing serious bodily harm to or terrorizing the person so confined, restrained or removed or any other person; or
- (4) Holding such other person in involuntary servitude in violation of G.S. 14-43.2, 14-43.6.
- (5) Trafficking another person with the intent that the other person be held in involuntary servitude or sexual servitude in violation of G.S. 14-43.5.
- (6) Subjecting or maintaining such other person for sexual servitude in violation of G.S. 14-43.7."

SECTION 20.(d) G.S. 14-208.6(5) reads as rewritten:

"(5) "Sexually violent offense" means a violation of G.S. 14-27.2 (first degree rape), G.S. 14-27.3 (second degree rape), G.S. 14-27.4 (first degree sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.5 (second degree sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.5A (sexual battery), G.S. 14-27.6 (attempted rape or sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.7 (intercourse and sexual offense with certain victims), G.S. 14-43.7 (subjecting or maintaining a person for sexual servitude), G.S. 14-178 (incest between near relatives), G.S. 14-190.6 (employing or permitting minor to assist in offenses against public morality and decency), G.S. 14-190.9(a1) (felonious indecent exposure), G.S. 14-190.16 (first degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-190.17 (second degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-190.17A (third degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-190.18 (promoting prostitution of a minor), G.S. 14-190.19 (participating in the prostitution of a minor), G.S. 14-202.1 (taking indecent liberties with children), or G.S. 14-202.3 (Solicitation of child by computer to commit an unlawful sex act). The term also includes the following: a solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of these offenses; aiding and abetting any of these offenses."

SECTION 20.(e) G.S. 15A-830(a)(7) reads as rewritten:

"(7) Victim. – A person against whom there is probable cause to believe one of the following crimes was committed:

- a. A Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony.
- b. A Class F felony if it is a violation of one of the following: G.S. 14-16.6(b); 14-16.6(c); 14-18; 14-32.1(e); 14-32.2(b)(3); 14-32.3(a); 14-32.4; 14-34.2; 14-34.6(c); 14-41; ~~14-43.2; 14-43.6;~~ 14-43.3; 14-190.17; 14-190.19; 14-202.1; 14-277.3; 14-288.9; or 20-138.5.
- c. A Class G felony if it is a violation of one of the following: G.S. 14-32.3(b); 14-51; 14-58; 14-87.1; or 20-141.4.

- d. A Class H felony if it is a violation of one of the following: G.S. 14-32.3(a); 14-32.3(c); 14-33.2, or 14-277.3.
- e. A Class I felony if it is a violation of one of the following: G.S. 14-32.3(b); 14-34.6(b); or 14-190.17A.
- f. An attempt of any of the felonies listed in this subdivision if the attempted felony is punishable as a felony.
- g. Any of the following misdemeanor offenses when the offense is committed between persons who have a personal relationship as defined in G.S. 50B-1(b): G.S. 14-33(c)(1); 14-33(c)(2); 14-33(a); 14-34; 14-134.3; or 14-277.3."

SECTION 21. The provisions of this act are severable. If any provision is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

SECTION 22. Section 15 of this act is effective as provided herein. Sections 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, and 22 are effective when this act becomes law. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the remainder of this act becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 27th day of July, 2006.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 11:50 a.m. this 16th day of August, 2006