



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 10A - HUMAN TRAFFICKING

N.C.G.S. § 14-43.12.

Involuntary servitude.

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§ 14-43.12(a) A person commits the offense of involuntary servitude when that person knowingly and willfully or in reckless disregard of the consequences of the action holds another in involuntary servitude.

§ 14-43.12(b)
CLASS F / C FELONY 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.

§ 14-43.12(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.

§ 14-43.12(c1) Mistake of age is not a defense to prosecution under this section. Consent of a minor is not a defense to prosecution under this section.

§ 14-43.12(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.

§ 14-43.12(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.

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02	1993	c. 539, ss. 23, 1146	AMENDED		
03	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED		
04	2006	S.L. 2006-247, s. 20(b)	AMENDED		
05	2013	S.L. 2013-368, s. 2	AMENDED		

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-43.12 (2013).

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