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**HOUSE BILL 110**

Short Title: Task Force on Fraud Against Older Adults. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Weiss, Pierce, and Hurley (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Health and Human Services.

February 16, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TO COORDINATE A TASK FORCE ON FRAUD AGAINST OLDER ADULTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

Whereas, the Federal Trade Commission reports that North Carolina ranks 24<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states in the number of fraud complaints per capita and 21<sup>st</sup> in the number of identity theft complaints per capita; and

Whereas, the Federal Trade Commission reports that, for 2008, consumers over age 50 account for 26% of identity theft complaints and 30% of fraud complaints; and

Whereas, the March 2010 North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research publication on issues involving older adults contained a segment that highlighted issues involving fraud against older adults in North Carolina; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** The Consumer Protection Division, Department of Justice, shall coordinate a Task Force on Fraud Against Older Adults. The Task Force shall include representatives from the Consumer Protection Division, Department of Justice; Division of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Health and Human Services; North Carolina Senior Consumer Fraud Task Force; North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services; the Banking Commission; and other associations as approved by the Consumer Protection Division.

**SECTION 1.(b)** The Task Force shall include, but should not be limited to, examination of the following issues:

- (1) Identifying, clarifying, and strengthening laws to provide older adults a broader system of protection against abuse and fraud.
- (2) Establishing a statewide system to enable reporting on incidents of fraud and mistreatment of older adults.
- (3) Identifying opportunities for partnership among the Banking Commission, the financial management industry, and law enforcement agencies to prevent fraud against older adults.
- (4) Granting the Attorney General authority to initiate prosecutions for fraud against older adults.



1           **SECTION 1.(c)** The Task Force shall make an interim report to the North Carolina  
2 Study Commission on Aging on or before November 1, 2011, and a final report including  
3 findings, recommendations, and draft legislation on or before October 1, 2012.

4           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.