



# 2006 State Legislative Summary

## NCCADV Agenda Items

### State Funding

State funding is increased by \$350,000 for a total of \$5,032,500 to be distributed through the Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission grants to all recognized domestic violence programs.

### TANF Funding

TANF Funding is increased by \$1 million for a total of \$2.2 million for domestic violence services to WorkFirst participants.

### Recommendations from Joint Committee on DV SB 1450 / HB 2089

*Status: Did not pass.*

The Joint Committee on Domestic Violence was created during the 2005 legislative session. The Committee is co-chaired by Senator Boseman (New Hanover) and Representative McLawhorn (Pitt). The Committee has met twice, and NCCADV had the opportunity to present at the second meeting. Recommendations from the Joint Committee on Domestic Violence that were introduced in the 2006 session include funding to build or improve shelters, funding for the creation or continuation of supervised visitation and exchange centers, funding to expand or continue Family Courts, reducing the number of prior protective order violations required to enhance the crime from a misdemeanor to a felony, and mandatory training for all educators. NCCADV supported this legislation.

### Increase NC Housing Trust Fund

The Housing Trust Fund is increased by \$5 million in nonrecurring funds. NCCADV supported the Campaign for Housing Carolina in their efforts to increase the Housing Trust Fund to \$50 million as part of our economic justice work to increase the availability of affordable housing in North Carolina.

**Increase Minimum Wage**

HB 2174 / SL 2006-114

*Effective Date: January 1, 2007*

The state's minimum wage is increased by \$1.00 per hour to \$6.15 per hour and is tied to the Federal minimum wage so that whichever is higher will apply. NCCADV joined the North Carolinians for Fair Wages campaign as part of our economic justice work to support victims of domestic violence.

**Report Denial of Some Pistol Permits**

HB 1415

*Status: Did not pass.*

This bill requires that pistol permit denials and firearm surrender orders entered pursuant to a protective order are reported to the SBI for entry into a statewide database. The bill passed the House in 2005 but did not pass the Senate. NCCADV supported this legislation.

**Other Bills/Items of Interest:****Funding Study**

SB 1741/Budget

Language was included in the budget bill directing the Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission to examine the feasibility of combining funding sources to distribute domestic violence grants and sexual assault grants. Findings must be reported to the General Assembly by February 1, 2007.

**Victims' Compensation Changes**

HB 2060 / SL 2006-183

*Effective Date: July 1, 2006*

This bill makes changes to compensation allowed to victims through the State's Victims' Compensation Fund. The bill clarifies that victims must not only cooperate with law enforcement but also with prosecution of the criminal case. However, the bill adds a "good cause" exception to this requirement.

**Sex Offender Registration Changes**

HB 1896

*Effective Date: December 1, 2006*

This bill strengthens sex offender registration requirements, including implementation of a GPS monitoring system for certain high-risk offenders. The bill also creates new offenses of human trafficking, involuntary servitude, and sexual servitude.

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