

**§ 64-29. Investigation of complaints.**

(a) Investigation. – Upon receipt of a complaint filed in accordance with G.S. 64-28, the Commissioner shall investigate whether a violation of G.S. 64-26 or G.S. 143-133.3 has in fact occurred.

(b) Certain Complaints Shall Not Be Investigated. – The Commissioner shall not investigate complaints that are based solely on race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or national origin.

(c) Assistance by Law Enforcement. – The Commissioner may request that the State Bureau of Investigation assist in investigating a complaint under this section.

(d) Subpoena for Production of Documents. – The Commissioner may issue a subpoena for production of employment records that relate to the recruitment, hiring, employment, or termination policies, practices, or acts of employment as part of the investigation of a valid complaint under this section. (2011-263, s. 3; 2015-294, s. 5.)