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Senator Margolis moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. The Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a structure by which the department shall:

(1) Provide services to immigrant survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes, during the interim period between the time the survivor applies for a visa and receives such visa from the United States Department of Homeland Security or receives certification from the United States Department of Health and Human Services;

(2) Ensure that immigrant survivors of serious crimes are eligible to receive existing state and local benefits and services to the same extent that refugees receive those benefits and services;

(3) Ensure that immigrant survivors of serious crimes

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1 have access to state-funded services that are equivalent to  
2 the federal programs that provide cash, medical services, and  
3 social service for refugees;

4 (4) Provide survivors of serious crimes with medical  
5 care, mental health care, and basic assistance in order to  
6 help them secure housing, food, and supportive services;

7 (5) Create a state-funded component of the cash,  
8 medical, and social services programs for refugees for the  
9 purpose of serving immigrant survivors during the temporary  
10 period while they wait for federal processing to be completed;

11 (6) Provide that a sworn statement by a survivor is  
12 sufficient evidence for the purposes of determining  
13 eligibility if that statement is supported by at least one  
14 item of additional evidence, including, but not limited to:

15 (a) Police and court records;

16 (b) News articles;

17 (c) Documentation from a professional agency;

18 (d) Physical evidence; or

19 (e) A statement from an individual having knowledge of  
20 the circumstances providing the basis for the claim;

21 (7) Develop a public-awareness program for employers  
22 and other organizations that may come into contact with  
23 immigrant survivors of human trafficking in order to provide  
24 education and raise awareness of the problem.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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29 And the title is amended as follows:

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1 and insert:

2                                   A bill to be entitled  
3           An act relating to immigrant survivors of human  
4           trafficking and other serious crimes; requiring  
5           the Department of Children and Family Services  
6           to provide services to immigrant survivors of  
7           human trafficking, domestic violence, and other  
8           serious crimes; providing for the same state  
9           and local benefits that refugees receive;  
10          ensuring that immigrant survivors of serious  
11          crimes have access to state-funded services for  
12          refugees; providing survivors of serious crimes  
13          with supportive services; creating a  
14          state-funded component of the cash, medical,  
15          and social services programs for refugees to  
16          serve victims during a temporary waiting  
17          period; providing that a sworn statement by a  
18          victim is sufficient evidence for the purposes  
19          of determining eligibility for services if  
20          supported by at least one piece of additional  
21          evidence; providing for a public-awareness  
22          program for employers and other organizations  
23          that may come into contact with immigrant  
24          survivors of human trafficking; providing an  
25          effective date.

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