

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Joyner

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to human trafficking; creating within the  
3 Executive Office of the Governor the Florida Statewide  
4 Task Force on Human Trafficking; prescribing the  
5 membership of the task force; providing for members of the  
6 task force to be reimbursed for per diem and travel  
7 expenses; providing specific responsibilities and duties  
8 of the task force and its members; requiring that the task  
9 force prepare a final report by a specified date;  
10 providing duties of the Florida State University Center  
11 for the Advancement of Human Rights; abolishing the task  
12 force on a specified date; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Florida Statewide Task Force on Human  
17 Trafficking.--

18 (1) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this act  
19 is to create a public and private task force to examine and  
20 analyze the problem of human trafficking and to plan for a  
21 coordinated, humane response for victims of human trafficking  
22 through a review of existing programs, a clarification of  
23 existing options for such victims, and revised policy efforts to  
24 coordinate governmental and private efforts.

25 (2) (a) There is created within the Executive Office of the  
26 Governor the Florida Statewide Task Force on Human Trafficking, a  
27 task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes. The task  
28 force is created for the express purpose of examining the problem  
29 of human trafficking and recommending strategies and actions for

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30 reducing or eliminating the unlawful trafficking of men, women,  
31 and children into this state.

32 (b) The task force shall consist of the following  
33 governmental members, or a designee:

34 1. The executive director of the Department of Law  
35 Enforcement, who shall serve as co-chair.

36 2. The Secretary of Children and Family Services, who shall  
37 serve as co-chair.

38 3. The Chief Financial Officer.

39 4. The Commissioner of Agriculture.

40 5. The Attorney General.

41 6. The State Surgeon General.

42 7. The statewide prosecutor.

43 8. The executive director of the Florida Commission on  
44 Human Relations.

45 9. The executive director of the Florida Coalition Against  
46 Domestic Violence.

47 10. The Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation.

48 11. A sheriff.

49 12. A police chief.

50 (c) The task force shall consist of the following  
51 nongovernmental members, or a designee:

52 1. The executive director of the Florida State University  
53 Center for the Advancement of Human Rights.

54 2. The executive director of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy  
55 Center.

56 3. The Secretary of the Coalition of Immokolee Farmworkers.

57 4. The executive director of the Florida Coalition Against  
58 Human Trafficking.

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59       5. The executive director of the Florida Freedom  
60 Partnership.

61       6. The executive director of Gulf Coast Legal Services.

62       (c) The Governor shall appoint the sheriff and police chief  
63 by July 1, 2008. The Governor may appoint ex officio members at  
64 any time.

65       (d) Members of the task force shall serve without  
66 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and  
67 travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

68       (3) (a) The task force shall receive the Statewide Strategic  
69 Plan currently being formulated by the Florida State University  
70 Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. The strategic plan  
71 shall be presented to the task force at the first meeting of the  
72 task Force no later than November 1, 2008.

73       (b) The work of the task force is to receive, revise, and  
74 propose a plan of implementation of the strategic plan no later  
75 than October 1, 2009. The task force shall conduct a final public  
76 meeting of the task force to announce the findings of the task  
77 force.

78       (4) The Florida State University Center for the Advancement  
79 of Human Rights shall carry out the following activities:

80       (a) Collect and organize data concerning the nature and  
81 extent of trafficking in persons in Florida and measure and  
82 evaluate the progress in the state in preventing trafficking,  
83 protecting and providing assistance to victims of trafficking,  
84 and prosecuting persons engaged in trafficking activities;

85       (b) Identify available federal, state, and local programs  
86 in this state which provide services to victims of trafficking,  
87 including, but are not limited to, health care and human

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88 services, housing services, education services, legal assistance,  
89 job training or preparation classes, interpreting services,  
90 English as a Second Language classes, and victim's compensation;

91 (c) Evaluate approaches to increase public awareness of  
92 trafficking, particularly the risks of becoming a trafficking  
93 victim; the common recruitment techniques; the use of debt  
94 bondage, blackmail, forced labor and services, prostitution, and  
95 other coercive tactics; the crime victims' rights; and the  
96 reporting of recruitment activities involved in trafficking;

97 (d) Analyze the current state, local, and federal criminal  
98 statutes for their adequacy in addressing trafficking and, if the  
99 analysis determines that those statutes are inadequate, recommend  
100 revisions to those statutes or the enactment of new statutes that  
101 specifically define and address trafficking; and

102 (e) Consult with governmental and nongovernmental  
103 organizations, especially those specializing in stopping  
104 trafficking or representing diverse communities  
105 disproportionately affected by trafficking, in developing  
106 recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent  
107 trafficking, protect and assist victims of trafficking, and  
108 prosecute traffickers.

109 (5) The task force is abolished on July 1, 2010.

110 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.