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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 serve without compensation or reimbursement
7 for per diem and travel expenses; providing specific
8 responsibilities and duties of the task force and its
9 members; requiring that the task force prepare a final
10 report by a specified date; providing duties of the
11 Florida State University Center for the Advancement of
12 Human Rights; abolishing the task force on a specified
13 date; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

26 (2) (a) There is created within the Executive Office of the
27 Governor the Florida Statewide Task Force on Human Trafficking,
28 a task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes. The task

29 force is created for the express purpose of examining the
 30 problem of human trafficking and recommending strategies and
 31 actions for reducing or eliminating the unlawful trafficking of
 32 men, women, and children into this state.

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

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

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

39 3. The Chief Financial Officer.

40 4. The Commissioner of Agriculture.

41 5. The Attorney General.

42 6. The State Surgeon General.

43 7. The statewide prosecutor.

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

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

48 10. The Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation.

49 11. A sheriff.

50 12. A police chief.

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

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

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

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57 3. The secretary of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

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

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

62 6. The executive director of Gulfcoast Legal Services.

63 7. The executive director of the Florida Council Against
64 Sexual Violence.

65 (d) The Governor shall appoint the sheriff and police
66 chief by July 1, 2009. The Governor may appoint ex officio
67 members at any time.

68 (e) Members of the task force shall serve without
69 compensation or reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses.

70 (3) (a) The task force shall receive the Statewide
71 Strategic Plan currently being formulated by the Florida State
72 University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. The
73 strategic plan shall be presented to the task force at the first
74 meeting of the task force no later than November 1, 2009.

75 (b) The work of the task force is to receive, revise, and
76 propose a plan of implementation of the strategic plan no later
77 than October 1, 2010.

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

80 (a) Collect and organize data concerning the nature and
81 extent of trafficking of 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;

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85 (b) Identify available federal, state, and local programs
86 in this state which provide services to victims of trafficking,
87 including, but not limited to, health care and human services,
88 housing services, education services, legal assistance, job
89 training or preparation classes, interpreting services, English
90 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
99 the analysis determines that those statutes are inadequate,
100 recommend revisions to those statutes or the enactment of new
101 statutes that 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 July 1, 2011.

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