

By the Committees on Appropriations; and Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to human trafficking; creating s.
3 409.1754, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children
4 and Families to develop or adopt initial screening and
5 assessment instruments; specifying the process for the
6 department to develop or adopt initial screening and
7 assessment instruments; providing factors for
8 placement in safe houses or safe foster homes;
9 authorizing entities to use additional assessment
10 instruments; requiring the department, community-based
11 care lead agencies, and Department of Juvenile Justice
12 staff administering the detention risk assessment
13 instrument to receive specified training; requiring
14 the Department of Children and Families and lead
15 agencies to hold multidisciplinary staffings under
16 certain conditions; requiring the department and lead
17 agencies to develop specific plans and protocols;
18 directing the department, the Department of Juvenile
19 Justice, and lead agencies to participate in
20 coalitions, task forces, or similar organizations to
21 coordinate local responses to human trafficking;
22 requiring the Department of Children and Families to
23 attempt to initiate a task force if none is active in
24 a local area; amending s. 409.1678, F.S.; providing
25 definitions; requiring that safe houses and safe
26 foster homes be certified by the department; providing
27 requirements for certification as a safe house or safe
28 foster home; requiring the department to inspect safe
29 houses and safe foster homes; requiring specified

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30 training for persons providing services in safe houses
31 and safe foster homes; authorizing the department to
32 adopt rules; requiring residential treatment centers
33 or hospitals to provide specialized treatment;
34 providing for service providers to obtain federal or
35 local funding under certain conditions; providing for
36 scope of availability of services; amending s. 39.524,
37 F.S.; providing for review of safe harbor placement of
38 a child in a safe house or safe foster home; revising
39 criteria for placement; authorizing placement in
40 settings other than safe houses and safe foster homes
41 under certain conditions; amending s. 394.495, F.S.;
42 including trauma-informed services for sexually
43 exploited children in the child and adolescent mental
44 health system of care; amending ss. 39.401, 796.07,
45 and 985.115, F.S.; conforming cross-references;
46 creating s. 16.617, F.S.; creating the Statewide
47 Council on Human Trafficking within the Department of
48 Legal Affairs; providing the purpose of the council;
49 providing for membership of the council, appointment
50 of members, and reimbursement of members; providing
51 for meetings; requiring the Department of Legal
52 Affairs to provide staff to the council; specifying
53 duties of the council; requiring an annual report to
54 the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the
55 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
56 Accountability to conduct a study on commercial
57 exploitation of children in Florida and related
58 topics; requiring an annual report to the Governor and

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59 the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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63 Section 1. Section 409.1754, Florida Statutes, is created
64 to read:

65 409.1754 Sexually exploited children; screening and
66 assessment; training; case management; task forces.-

67 (1) SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT.-

68 (a) The department shall develop or adopt one or more
69 initial screening and assessment instruments to identify,
70 determine the needs of, plan services for, and identify
71 appropriate placement for sexually exploited children. The
72 department shall consult state and local agencies,
73 organizations, and individuals involved in the identification
74 and care of sexually exploited children in developing or
75 adopting the initial screening and assessment instruments. The
76 initial screening and assessment instruments shall include
77 assessment of appropriate placement, including whether placement
78 in a safe house or safe foster home is appropriate, and shall
79 consider, at a minimum, the following factors:

80 1. Risk of the sexually exploited child running away.

81 2. Risk of the sexually exploited child recruiting other
82 children into the commercial sex trade.

83 3. Level of the sexually exploited child's attachment to
84 his or her exploiter.

85 4. Level and type of trauma that the sexually exploited
86 child has endured.

87 5. Nature of the sexually exploited child's interactions

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88 with law enforcement.

89 6. Length of time that the child was sexually exploited.

90 7. Extent of any substance abuse by the sexually exploited
91 child.

92 (b) The initial screening and assessment instruments shall
93 be validated if possible and must be used by the department,
94 juvenile assessment centers as provided in s. 985.135, and
95 community-based care lead agencies.

96 (c) The department shall establish rules specifying the
97 initial screening and assessment instruments to be used, the
98 requirements for their use, and the reporting of data collected
99 through them.

100 (d) The department, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and
101 community-based care lead agencies are not precluded from using
102 additional assessment instruments in the course of serving
103 sexually exploited children.

104 (2) TRAINING; CASE MANAGEMENT; TASK FORCES.-

105 (a)1. The department and community-based care lead agencies
106 shall ensure that cases in which a child is alleged, suspected,
107 or known to have been sexually exploited are assigned to child
108 protective investigators and case managers who have specialized
109 intensive training in handling cases involving a sexually
110 exploited child. The department and lead agencies shall ensure
111 that child protective investigators and case managers,
112 respectively, receive this training before accepting any case
113 involving a sexually exploited child.

114 2. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall ensure that
115 juvenile probation staff or contractors administering the
116 detention risk assessment instrument receive specialized

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117 intensive training in identifying and serving sexually exploited
118 children.

119 (b) The department and community-based care lead agencies
120 shall conduct regular multidisciplinary staffings for sexually
121 exploited children to ensure that all relevant information is
122 known to all parties and that services are coordinated across
123 systems. The department or a community-based care lead agency,
124 as appropriate, shall coordinate these staffings and invite
125 individuals involved in the child's care. This may include, but
126 is not limited to, the child's guardian ad litem, juvenile
127 justice system staff, school district staff, service providers,
128 and victim advocates.

129 (c)1. Each region of the department and each community-
130 based care lead agency shall jointly assess local service
131 capacity to meet the specialized service needs of sexually
132 exploited children and establish a plan to develop capacity.
133 Each plan shall be developed in consultation with local law
134 enforcement officials, local school officials, runaway and
135 homeless youth program providers, local probation departments,
136 children's advocacy centers, public defenders, state attorney's
137 offices, safe houses, and child advocates and services providers
138 who work directly with sexually exploited children.

139 2. Each region of the department and each community-based
140 care lead agency shall establish local protocols and procedures
141 for working with sexually exploited children which are
142 responsive to the individual circumstances of each child. The
143 protocols and procedures shall take into account the varying
144 types and levels of trauma endured; whether the sexual
145 exploitation is actively occurring, occurred in the past, or is

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146 inactive but likely to reoccur; and the differing community
147 resources and degrees of familial support that may be available.
148 Child protective investigators and case managers must use the
149 protocols and procedures when working with a sexually exploited
150 child.

151 (3) LOCAL TRAINING AND COORDINATION.—

152 (a) The local regional director may, to the extent that
153 funds are available, provide training to local law enforcement
154 officials who are likely to encounter sexually exploited
155 children in the course of their law enforcement duties. Training
156 shall address the provisions of this section and how to identify
157 and obtain appropriate services for sexually exploited children.
158 The local circuit administrator may contract with a not-for-
159 profit agency having experience working with sexually exploited
160 children to provide the training. Circuits may work
161 cooperatively to provide training, which may be provided on a
162 regional basis. The department shall assist circuits to obtain
163 any available funds for the purposes of conducting law
164 enforcement training from the Office of Juvenile Justice and
165 Delinquency Prevention of the United States Department of
166 Justice.

167 (b) Circuit administrators or their designees, chief
168 probation officers of the Department of Juvenile Justice or
169 their designees, and the chief operating officers of community-
170 based care lead agencies or their designees shall participate in
171 any task force, committee, council, advisory group, coalition,
172 or other entity active in their service area for coordinating
173 responses to address human trafficking or sexual exploitation of
174 children. If no such entity exists, the circuit administrator

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175 for the department shall work to initiate one.

176 Section 2. Section 409.1678, Florida Statutes, is amended
177 to read:

178 (Substantial rewording of section. See
179 s. 409.1678, F.S., for present text).

180 409.1678 Specialized residential options for children who
181 are victims of sexual exploitation.-

182 (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

183 (a) "Safe foster home" means a foster home certified by the
184 department under this section to care for sexually exploited
185 children.

186 (b) "Safe house" means a group residential placement
187 certified by the department under this section to care for
188 sexually exploited children.

189 (c) "Sexually exploited child" means a child who has
190 suffered sexual exploitation as defined in s. 39.01(67)(g) and
191 is ineligible for relief and benefits under the federal
192 Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 22 U.S.C. ss. 7101 et seq.

193 (2) CERTIFICATION OF SAFE HOUSES AND SAFE FOSTER HOMES.-

194 (a) Safe houses and safe foster homes shall provide a safe,
195 separate, and therapeutic environment tailored to the needs of
196 sexually exploited children who have endured significant trauma.
197 Safe houses and safe foster homes shall use a model of treatment
198 that includes strength-based and trauma-informed approaches.

199 (b) The department shall certify safe houses and safe
200 foster homes. A residential facility accepting state funds
201 appropriated to provide services to sexually exploited children
202 or child victims of sex trafficking must be certified by the
203 department as a safe house or a safe foster home. An entity may

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204 not use the designation "safe house" or "safe foster home" and
205 hold itself out as serving sexually exploited children unless
206 the entity is certified under this section.

207 (c) To be certified, a safe house must hold a license as a
208 residential child-caring agency as defined in s. 409.175 and a
209 safe foster home must hold a license as a family foster home as
210 defined in s. 409.175. A safe house or safe foster home must
211 also:

212 1. Use strength-based and trauma-informed approaches to
213 care, to the extent possible and appropriate.

214 2. Serve exclusively one sex.

215 3. Group sexually exploited children by age or maturity
216 level.

217 4. Care for sexually exploited children in a manner that
218 separates these children from children with other needs. Safe
219 houses and safe foster homes may care for other populations if
220 the children who have not experienced sexual exploitation do not
221 interact with children who have experienced sexual exploitation.

222 5. Have awake staff members on duty 24 hours per day, if a
223 safe house.

224 6. Provide appropriate security through facility design,
225 hardware, technology, staffing, and siting, including, but not
226 limited to, external video monitoring or exit door alarms, a
227 high staff-to-client ratio, or being situated in a remote
228 location that is isolated from major transportation centers and
229 common trafficking areas.

230 7. Meet other criteria established by department rule,
231 which may include, but are not limited to, personnel
232 qualifications, staffing ratios, and types of services offered.

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233 (d) Safe houses and safe foster homes shall provide
234 services tailored to the needs of sexually exploited children
235 and shall conduct a comprehensive assessment of the service
236 needs of each resident. In addition to the services required to
237 be provided by residential child-caring agencies and family
238 foster homes, safe houses and safe foster homes shall provide,
239 arrange for, or coordinate, at a minimum, the following
240 services:

- 241 1. Victim-witness counseling.
- 242 2. Family counseling.
- 243 3. Behavioral health care.
- 244 4. Treatment and intervention for sexual assault.
- 245 5. Education tailored to the child's individual needs,
246 including remedial education if necessary.
- 247 6. Life skills training.
- 248 7. Mentoring by a survivor of sexual exploitation if
249 available and appropriate for the child.
- 250 8. Substance abuse screening and, if necessary, access to
251 treatment.
- 252 9. Planning services for the successful transition of each
253 child back to the community.
- 254 10. Activities in a manner that provides sexually exploited
255 children with a full schedule.

256 (e) The community-based care lead agencies shall ensure
257 that foster parents of safe foster homes and staff of safe
258 houses complete intensive training regarding, at a minimum, the
259 needs of sexually exploited children, the effects of trauma and
260 sexual exploitation, and how to address those needs using
261 strength-based and trauma-informed approaches. The department

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262 shall specify the contents of this training by rule and may
263 develop or contract for a standard curriculum. The department
264 may establish by rule additional criteria for the certification
265 of safe houses and safe foster homes which must address the
266 security, therapeutic, social, health, and educational needs of
267 sexually exploited children.

268 (f) The department shall annually inspect safe houses and
269 safe foster homes before certification to ensure compliance with
270 the requirements of this section. The department may place a
271 moratorium on referrals and may revoke the certification of a
272 safe house or safe foster home that fails at any time to meet
273 the requirements of, or rules adopted under, this section.

274 (g) The certification period for safe houses and safe
275 foster homes shall run concurrently with the terms of their
276 licenses.

277 (3) SERVICES WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER OR
278 HOSPITAL.—Residential treatment centers licensed under s.
279 394.875 and hospitals licensed under chapter 395 which provide
280 residential mental health treatment shall provide specialized
281 treatment for sexually exploited children in the custody of the
282 department placed in such facilities pursuant to s. 39.407(6),
283 s. 394.4625, or s. 394.467. For such children, such facilities
284 shall meet the requirements of subparagraphs (2)(c)1. and 3.-7.
285 and paragraph (2)(d). The facilities shall ensure that children
286 are served in single-sex groups and that staff working with such
287 children are adequately trained in the effects of trauma and
288 sexual exploitation, the needs of sexually exploited children,
289 and how to address those needs using strength-based and trauma-
290 informed approaches.

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291 (4) PROVISION OF SERVICES; CASE MANAGEMENT.—

292 (a) This section does not prohibit any provider of services
293 for sexually exploited children from appropriately billing
294 Medicaid for services rendered, from contracting with a local
295 school district for educational services, or from obtaining
296 federal or local funding for services provided, as long as two
297 or more funding sources do not pay for the same specific service
298 that has been provided to a child.

299 (b) The lead agency shall ensure that all children residing
300 in safe houses or safe foster homes or served in residential
301 treatment centers or hospitals pursuant to subsection (3) have a
302 case manager and a case plan, whether or not the child is a
303 dependent child.

304 (5) AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES.—The services specified in
305 this section may, to the extent possible provided by law and
306 with authorized funding, be available to all sexually exploited
307 children whether they are accessed voluntarily, as a condition
308 of probation, through a diversion program, through a proceeding
309 under chapter 39, or through a referral from a local community-
310 based care or social service agency.

311 Section 3. Section 39.524, Florida Statutes, is amended to
312 read:

313 39.524 Safe-harbor placement.—

314 (1) Except as provided in s. 39.407 or s. 985.801, a
315 dependent child 6 years of age or older who has been found to be
316 a victim of sexual exploitation as defined in s. 39.01(67)(g)
317 must be assessed for placement in a safe house or safe foster
318 home as provided in s. 409.1678 using the initial screening and
319 assessment instruments provided in s. 409.1754(1). ~~The~~

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320 ~~assessment shall be conducted by the department or its agent and~~
321 ~~shall incorporate and address current and historical information~~
322 ~~from any law enforcement reports; psychological testing or~~
323 ~~evaluation that has occurred; current and historical information~~
324 ~~from the guardian ad litem, if one has been assigned; current~~
325 ~~and historical information from any current therapist, teacher,~~
326 ~~or other professional who has knowledge of the child and has~~
327 ~~worked with the child; and any other information concerning the~~
328 ~~availability and suitability of safe house placement. If such~~
329 ~~placement is determined to be appropriate for the child as a~~
330 ~~result of this assessment, the child may be placed in a safe~~
331 ~~house or safe foster home, if one is available. However, the~~
332 ~~child may be placed in another setting if the other setting is~~
333 ~~more appropriate to the child's needs or if a safe house or safe~~
334 ~~foster home is unavailable, as long as the child's behaviors are~~
335 ~~managed so as not to endanger other children served in that~~
336 ~~setting As used in this section, the term "available" as it~~
337 ~~relates to a placement means a placement that is located within~~
338 ~~the circuit or otherwise reasonably accessible.~~

339 (2) The results of the assessment described in s.
340 409.1754(1) ~~subsection (1)~~ and the actions taken as a result of
341 the assessment must be included in the next judicial review of
342 the child. At each subsequent judicial review, the court must be
343 advised in writing of the status of the child's placement, with
344 special reference regarding the stability of the placement and
345 the permanency planning for the child.

346 (3) (a) By December 1 of each year, the department shall
347 report to the Legislature on the placement of children in safe
348 houses and safe foster homes during the year, including the

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349 criteria used to determine the placement of children, the number
350 of children who were evaluated for placement, the number of
351 children who were placed based upon the evaluation, and the
352 number of children who were not placed.

353 (b) The department shall maintain data specifying the
354 number of children who were referred to a safe house or safe
355 foster home for whom placement was unavailable and the counties
356 in which such placement was unavailable. The department shall
357 include this data in its report under this subsection so that
358 the Legislature may consider this information in developing the
359 General Appropriations Act.

360 Section 4. Paragraph (p) is added to subsection (4) of
361 section 394.495, Florida Statutes, to read:

362 394.495 Child and adolescent mental health system of care;
363 programs and services.—

364 (4) The array of services may include, but is not limited
365 to:

366 (p) Trauma-informed services for children who have suffered
367 sexual exploitation as defined in s. 39.01(67)(g).

368 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph
369 (b) of subsection (3) of section 39.401, Florida Statutes, are
370 amended to read:

371 39.401 Taking a child alleged to be dependent into custody;
372 law enforcement officers and authorized agents of the
373 department.—

374 (2) If the law enforcement officer takes the child into
375 custody, that officer shall:

376 (b) Deliver the child to an authorized agent of the
377 department, stating the facts by reason of which the child was

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378 taken into custody and sufficient information to establish
379 probable cause that the child is abandoned, abused, or
380 neglected, or otherwise dependent. For such a child for whom
381 there is also probable cause to believe he or she has been
382 sexually exploited, the law enforcement officer shall deliver
383 the child to the department. ~~The department may place the child~~
384 ~~in an appropriate short-term safe house as provided for in s.~~
385 ~~409.1678 if a short-term safe house is available.~~

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387 For cases involving allegations of abandonment, abuse, or
388 neglect, or other dependency cases, within 3 days after such
389 release or within 3 days after delivering the child to an
390 authorized agent of the department, the law enforcement officer
391 who took the child into custody shall make a full written report
392 to the department.

393 (3) If the child is taken into custody by, or is delivered
394 to, an authorized agent of the department, the agent shall
395 review the facts supporting the removal with an attorney
396 representing the department. The purpose of the review is to
397 determine whether there is probable cause for the filing of a
398 shelter petition.

399 (b) If the facts are sufficient and the child has not been
400 returned to the custody of the parent or legal custodian, the
401 department shall file the petition and schedule a hearing, and
402 the attorney representing the department shall request that a
403 shelter hearing be held within 24 hours after the removal of the
404 child. While awaiting the shelter hearing, the authorized agent
405 of the department may place the child in licensed shelter care,
406 ~~or in a short-term safe house if the child is a sexually~~

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407 ~~exploited child,~~ or may release the child to a parent or legal
408 custodian or responsible adult relative or the adoptive parent
409 of the child's sibling who shall be given priority consideration
410 over a licensed placement, or a responsible adult approved by
411 the department if this is in the best interests of the child.
412 Placement of a child which is not in a licensed shelter must be
413 preceded by a criminal history records check as required under
414 s. 39.0138. In addition, the department may authorize placement
415 of a housekeeper/homemaker in the home of a child alleged to be
416 dependent until the parent or legal custodian assumes care of
417 the child.

418 Section 6. Subsection (6) of section 796.07, Florida
419 Statutes, is amended to read:

420 796.07 Prohibiting prostitution and related acts.—

421 (6) A person who violates paragraph (2)(f) shall be
422 assessed a civil penalty of \$5,000 if the violation results in
423 any judicial disposition other than acquittal or dismissal. Of
424 the proceeds from each penalty assessed under this subsection,
425 the first \$500 shall be paid to the circuit court administrator
426 for the sole purpose of paying the administrative costs of
427 treatment-based drug court programs provided under s. 397.334.
428 The remainder of the penalty assessed shall be deposited in the
429 Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund of the Department of
430 Children and Family Services for the sole purpose of funding
431 safe houses and safe foster homes ~~short-term safe houses~~ as
432 provided in s. 409.1678.

433 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
434 985.115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

435 985.115 Release or delivery from custody.—

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436 (2) Unless otherwise ordered by the court under s. 985.255
437 or s. 985.26, and unless there is a need to hold the child, a
438 person taking a child into custody shall attempt to release the
439 child as follows:

440 (b) Contingent upon specific appropriation, to a shelter
441 approved by the department or to an authorized agent ~~or short-~~
442 ~~term safe house under s. 39.401(2)(b).~~

443 Section 8. Section 16.617, Florida Statutes, is created to
444 read:

445 16.617 Statewide Council on Human Trafficking; creation;
446 membership; duties.—

447 (1) CREATION.—There is created the Statewide Council on
448 Human Trafficking within the Department of Legal Affairs. The
449 council is created for the purpose of enhancing the development
450 and coordination of state and local law enforcement and social
451 services responses to fight commercial sexual exploitation, as a
452 form of human trafficking, and support victims.

453 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

454 (a) The council shall consist of the following members:

455 1. The Attorney General, or a designee, who shall serve as
456 chair.

457 2. The Secretary of the Department of Children and
458 Families, or a designee, who shall serve as vice chair.

459 3. The State Surgeon General, or a designee.

460 4. The Secretary of the Agency for Health Care
461 Administration, or a designee.

462 5. The executive director of the Department of Law
463 Enforcement, or a designee.

464 6. The Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or

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465 a designee.

466 7. The Commissioner of the Department of Education, or a
467 designee.

468 8. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of
469 the Senate.

470 9. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
471 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

472 10. An elected sheriff, appointed by the Attorney General.

473 11. An elected state attorney, appointed by the Attorney
474 General.

475 12. Two members appointed by the Attorney General and two
476 members appointed by the Governor, all of whom have professional
477 experience to assist the council in the development of care and
478 treatment options for victims of human trafficking.

479 (b) Each member shall be appointed to a 4-year term.
480 However, for the purpose of achieving staggered terms, the
481 Attorney General, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker
482 of the House of Representatives shall each initially appoint
483 their respective members to serve a 2-year term. All subsequent
484 appointments shall be for 4-year terms. A vacancy that occurs
485 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment
486 and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of that
487 seat.

488 (c) A member may not receive a commission, fee, or
489 financial benefit in connection with serving on the council.
490 Pursuant to s. 112.061, council members may be entitled to
491 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses by the state
492 agency the member represents. If a member is not affiliated with
493 a state agency, the member shall be reimbursed by the Department

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495 (3) ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT.—

496 (a) The first meeting of the council shall be held by
497 September 1, 2014. Thereafter, the council shall meet at least
498 once each quarter every calendar year. Meetings may be held via
499 teleconference or other electronic means.

500 (b) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a
501 quorum.

502 (c) The Department of Legal Affairs shall provide the
503 council with staff necessary to assist the council in the
504 performance of its duties.

505 (4) DUTIES.—The council shall:

506 (a) Develop recommendations for comprehensive programs and
507 services for victims of human trafficking to include
508 recommendations for certification criteria for safe houses and
509 safe foster homes.

510 (b) Make recommendations for apprehending and prosecuting
511 traffickers and enhancing coordination of responses.

512 (c) Annually hold a statewide policy summit in conjunction
513 with an institution of higher learning in this state.

514 (d) Work with the Department of Children and Families to
515 create and maintain an inventory of human trafficking programs
516 and services in each county, including, but not limited to,
517 awareness programs and victim assistance services, which can be
518 used to determine how to maximize existing resources and address
519 unmet needs and emerging trends.

520 (e) Develop policy recommendations that advance the duties
521 of the council and that further the efforts to combat human
522 trafficking in the state.

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523 (5) REPORT.—By each October 31, the council shall submit a
524 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
525 House of Representatives summarizing the accomplishments of the
526 council during the preceding fiscal year and making
527 recommendations regarding the development and coordination of
528 state and local law enforcement and social services responses to
529 combat human trafficking and support victims.

530 Section 9. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
531 Government Accountability shall conduct a study on commercial
532 sexual exploitation of children in Florida. The study shall
533 assess the extent of commercial sexual exploitation of children,
534 including, but not limited to, its prevalence in various regions
535 of the state. The study shall also identify specialized services
536 needed by sexually exploited children and any gaps in the
537 availability of such services by region, including, but not
538 limited to, residential services and specialized therapies. The
539 study shall analyze the effectiveness of safe houses, safe
540 foster homes, residential treatment centers and hospitals with
541 specialized programs for sexually exploited children, and other
542 residential options for serving sexually exploited children in
543 addressing their safety, therapeutic, health, educational, and
544 emotional needs, including, but not limited to, the nature and
545 appropriateness of subsequent placements, extent of sexual
546 exploitation postplacement, and educational attainment. The
547 study shall also include the number of children involuntarily
548 committed to treatment facilities who are victims of sexual
549 exploitation and the outcomes of those children for the 3 years
550 after completion of inpatient treatment. All state agencies and
551 contractors receiving state funds of any kind shall comply with

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552 each request for data and information from the Office of Program
553 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. Beginning July 1,
554 2015, and by this date each year, the Office of Program Policy
555 Analysis and Government Accountability shall report its findings
556 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
557 the House of Representatives.

558 Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.