

1                                    A bill to be entitled  
 2                    An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 787.0611,  
 3                    F.S.; creating within the Department of Legal Affairs  
 4                    the Florida Compensation Trust Fund for Survivors of  
 5                    Human Trafficking; providing for the purposes and  
 6                    sources of funds of the trust fund; providing for  
 7                    administration of the fund by the Statewide Council on  
 8                    Human Trafficking; requiring the fund to develop  
 9                    certain guidelines and plans; requiring an annual  
 10                   report; requiring that applications for compensation  
 11                   be made available in English and Spanish; providing  
 12                   for future review and termination or re-creation of  
 13                   the trust fund; providing a contingent 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.    Section 787.0611, Florida Statutes, is created  
 18 to read:

19                    787.0611 The Florida Compensation Trust Fund for Survivors  
 20 of Human Trafficking.-

21                    (1) There is created a trust fund within the Department of  
 22 Legal Affairs to be known as the Florida Compensation Trust Fund  
 23 for Survivors of Human Trafficking.

24                    (2) The purpose of the fund is to receive and administer  
 25 funds from civil actions brought on behalf of the fund under s.

26 | 787.061, including money from seizures of personal and real  
27 | property, penalties imposed by the courts, or received from any  
28 | other public or private sources or from the Legislature; to  
29 | administer claims for compensation by survivors of human  
30 | trafficking; and to create a public-private partnership by  
31 | establishing a 501(c)(3) foundation for receipt of charitable  
32 | contributions to carry out the foundation's purposes, including  
33 | but not limited to:

34 |       (a) Educating the public about the recruitment,  
35 | trafficking, and exploitation of persons through human  
36 | trafficking.

37 |       (b) Assisting in the prevention of recruitment in Florida  
38 | schools of minors for exploitation.

39 |       (c) Establishment of a survivors' resource center for  
40 | legal services, social services, safe harbors, safe houses, and  
41 | language services that are available to survivors of  
42 | trafficking.

43 |       (d) Advertising the National Human Trafficking Resource  
44 | Center (NHTRC) hotline number and the Be Free Text Line in  
45 | diverse venues.

46 |       (e) Assisting in the coordination between law enforcement  
47 | and service providers.

48 |       (f) Assisting in vacating the convictions of minors who  
49 | were victims of trafficking.

50 |       (3) The fund shall be administered by the Statewide

51 Council on Human Trafficking, as created by s. 16.617, Florida  
52 Statutes, to fairly evaluate and pay compensation claims based  
53 upon a victim's circumstances and the availability of current  
54 funds or funds to be received.

55 (4) The council shall establish rules, guidelines, and an  
56 implementation plan and file a copy with the Department of Legal  
57 Affairs and subsequent changes or amendments thereto shall  
58 likewise be filed when adopted.

59 (5) The council shall issue an annual report no later than  
60 October 1 of each year to the President of the Senate and the  
61 Speaker of the House of Representatives detailing the fund's  
62 compliance with its duties during the prior fiscal year.

63 (6) The council shall make applications for compensation  
64 available in English and in Spanish.

65 (7) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State  
66 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be  
67 terminated on July 1, 2021. Before its scheduled termination,  
68 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)  
69 and (2).

70 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date  
71 that CS/HB 1165 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
72 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
73 extension thereof and becomes a law, and only if this act is  
74 enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house  
75 of the Legislature.