

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 787.0611,
 3 F.S.; creating the Trust Fund for Victims of Human
 4 Trafficking and Prevention within the Department of
 5 Law Enforcement; providing the purposes of, and
 6 funding sources for, the trust fund; providing for
 7 administration of the fund; providing for future
 8 review and termination or re-creation of the trust
 9 fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Section 787.0611, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 787.0611 The Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking
 16 and Prevention.—

17 (1) There is created within the Department of Law
 18 Enforcement the Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking and
 19 Prevention.

20 (2) The trust fund shall consist of funds obtained under
 21 s. 787.061 and funds received from any other source, including
 22 legislative appropriations.

23 (3) (a) The department shall administer the trust fund and
 24 must use its funds in a manner that ensures that they are used
 25 for victims of human trafficking including, but not limited to,

26 | medical and mental health examinations and treatment, living
 27 | expenses, lost wages, and repatriation of such victims.

28 | (b) The trust fund moneys may also be used for the
 29 | following purposes:

30 | 1. Educating the public about the recruitment,
 31 | trafficking, and exploitation of persons through human
 32 | trafficking.

33 | 2. Assisting in the prevention of recruitment of minors
 34 | for exploitation in schools in this state.

35 | 3. Establishing a survivors' resource center to make legal
 36 | services, social services, safe harbors, safe houses, and
 37 | language services available to survivors of human trafficking.

38 | 4. Advertising the National Human Trafficking Resource
 39 | Center hotline telephone number and the BeFree Textline in
 40 | diverse venues.

41 | 5. Assisting in the coordination between law enforcement
 42 | agencies and service providers.

43 | 6. Assisting in vacating the convictions of victims of
 44 | human trafficking, whose offenses were the result of the force,
 45 | duress, or coercion of a human trafficker.

46 | (c) Subject to the availability of funds and subject to
 47 | legislative appropriation, the department may contract with
 48 | entities having appropriate expertise and experience to manage
 49 | and deliver services outlined in this section.

50 | (4) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State

51 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be
52 terminated on July 1, 2022. Before its scheduled termination,
53 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)
54 and (2).

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date
56 that HB 167 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
57 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
58 extension thereof and becomes a law.