

By Senator Bracy

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 787.066,
3 F.S.; creating the Trust Fund for Victims of Human
4 Trafficking and Prevention within the Department of
5 Legal Affairs; providing the purposes of, and funding
6 sources for, the trust fund; providing for future
7 review and termination or re-creation of the trust
8 fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 787.066, Florida Statutes, is created to
13 read:

14 787.066 Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking and
15 Prevention.-

16 (1) There is created within the Department of Legal Affairs
17 a trust fund to be known as the Trust Fund for Victims of Human
18 Trafficking and Prevention.

19 (2) The trust fund shall consist of funds obtained under s.
20 787.063 from penalties imposed by the courts, and funds received
21 from any other source, including legislative appropriations.

22 (3) The purposes of the fund include, but are not limited
23 to:

24 (a) Educating the public about the recruitment,
25 trafficking, and exploitation of persons through human
26 trafficking.

27 (b) Assisting in the prevention of recruitment in Florida
28 schools of minors for exploitation.

29 (c) Establishing a survivors' resource center to make

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30 information available to survivors of human trafficking about
31 services and resources, including legal services, social
32 services, safe harbors, safe houses, and language services.

33 (d) Advertising the National Human Trafficking Resource
34 Center hotline telephone number and the Polaris BeFree Textline
35 in diverse locations.

36 (e) Assisting in the coordination between law enforcement
37 agencies and service providers.

38 (f) Providing information concerning a petition for
39 expunction of a criminal history record resulting from the
40 arrest or filing of charges for an offense committed or reported
41 to have been committed while the person was a victim of human
42 trafficking which is filed pursuant to s. 943.0583.

43 (4) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State
44 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be
45 terminated on July 1, 2022. Before its scheduled termination,
46 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)
47 and (2).

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that
49 SB ___ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation
50 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension
51 thereof and becomes a law.