

By Senator Book

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to human trafficking prevention;  
3       amending s. 488.01, F.S.; requiring certain commercial  
4       driver schools to offer as part of their curriculum  
5       either a human trafficking prevention course  
6       administered by the Department of Law Enforcement or  
7       by a certain organization or certain industry-specific  
8       training; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement  
9       to adopt rules by a specified date to develop and  
10      implement the human trafficking prevention course;  
11      amending s. 1012.45, F.S.; requiring that a specified  
12      amount of time in a school bus driver training program  
13      provided by a district school board be allocated to  
14      certain industry-specific training; providing an  
15      effective date.

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

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19       Section 1. Section 488.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
20       read:

21       488.01 License to engage in business of operating a driver  
22       school required.—

23       (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
24       shall oversee and license all commercial driver schools except  
25       truck driving schools. All commercial truck driving schools  
26       shall be required to be licensed pursuant to chapter 1005, and  
27       additionally, shall be subject to subsection (2) and the  
28       ~~provisions of~~ ss. 488.04 and 488.05. No person, group,  
29       organization, institution, business entity, or corporate entity

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30 may engage in the business of operating a driver school without  
31 first obtaining a license therefor from the Department of  
32 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles pursuant to this chapter or  
33 from the Commission for Independent Education pursuant to  
34 chapter 1005.

35 (2) Except for commercial driver schools or curriculum  
36 offered only for school bus drivers, all publicly funded  
37 commercial driver schools, including all commercial truck  
38 driving schools, must offer as part of their curriculum either  
39 of the following:

40 (a) A human trafficking prevention course administered by  
41 the Department of Law Enforcement or by an organization that is  
42 approved by the Department of Law Enforcement to present such a  
43 course. The Department of Law Enforcement shall adopt rules to  
44 develop and implement the human trafficking prevention course by  
45 January 1, 2021.

46 (b) Industry-specific training on the recognition,  
47 prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.

48 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 1012.45, Florida  
49 Statutes, is amended to read:

50 1012.45 School bus drivers; requirements and duties.—

51 (4) Each district school board may provide a school bus  
52 driver training program and may make this program available to  
53 private school bus drivers by contract. If a district school  
54 board provides a school bus driver training program, 40 minutes  
55 of the program must be allocated to industry-specific training  
56 on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human  
57 trafficking.

58 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.