

By the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Avila

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to anti-human trafficking; amending s.
3 16.618, F.S.; extending the future repeal date of the
4 direct-support organization for the Statewide Council
5 on Human Trafficking; amending ss. 394.875, 456.0341,
6 and 480.043, F.S.; revising the hotline telephone
7 number to be included in human trafficking awareness
8 signs; amending s. 509.096, F.S.; deleting obsolete
9 provisions; revising the hotline telephone number to
10 be included in human trafficking awareness signs;
11 amending s. 787.06, F.S.; requiring that contractors
12 with governmental entities attest that they do not use
13 coercion for labor or services; defining the term
14 "governmental entity"; amending s. 787.29, F.S.;
15 revising the hotline telephone number to be included
16 in human trafficking awareness signs; providing an
17 effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 16.618, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 16.618 Direct-support organization.—

24 (12) This section is repealed October 1, 2029 ~~2024~~, unless
25 reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

26 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section
27 394.875, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28 394.875 Crisis stabilization units, residential treatment
29 facilities, and residential treatment centers for children and

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30 adolescents; authorized services; license required.-

31 (8)

32 (b) Residential treatment centers for children and
33 adolescents must conspicuously place signs on their premises to
34 warn children and adolescents of the dangers of human
35 trafficking and to encourage the reporting of individuals
36 observed attempting to engage in human trafficking activity. The
37 signs must contain the telephone number for the Florida Human
38 Trafficking Hotline, 1-855-FLA-SAFE, ~~the National Human~~
39 ~~Trafficking Hotline~~ or such other number that the Department of
40 Law Enforcement uses to detect and stop human trafficking. The
41 department, in consultation with the agency, shall specify, at a
42 minimum, the content of the signs by rule.

43 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 456.0341, Florida
44 Statutes, is amended to read:

45 456.0341 Requirements for instruction on human
46 trafficking.-The requirements of this section apply to each
47 person licensed or certified under chapter 457; chapter 458;
48 chapter 459; chapter 460; chapter 461; chapter 463; chapter 465;
49 chapter 466; part II, part III, part V, or part X of chapter
50 468; chapter 480; or chapter 486.

51 (3) By January 1, 2025 ~~2021~~, the licensees or
52 certificateholders shall post in their place of work in a
53 conspicuous place accessible to employees a sign at least 11
54 inches by 15 inches in size, printed in a clearly legible font
55 and in at least a 32-point type, which substantially states in
56 English and Spanish:

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58 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an

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59 activity and cannot leave, whether it is prostitution,
60 housework, farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant
61 work, or any other activity, call the Florida Human Trafficking
62 Hotline, 1-855-FLA-SAFE, ~~the National Human Trafficking Resource~~
63 ~~Center at 888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733~~ to access
64 help and services. Victims of slavery and human trafficking are
65 protected under United States and Florida law.”

66 Section 4. Subsection (13) of section 480.043, Florida
67 Statutes, is amended to read:

68 480.043 Massage establishments; requisites; licensure;
69 inspection; human trafficking awareness training and policies.—

70 (13) By January 1, 2025 ~~2021~~, a massage establishment shall
71 implement a procedure for reporting suspected human trafficking
72 to the Florida Human Trafficking Hotline, 1-855-FLA-SAFE, ~~the~~
73 ~~National Human Trafficking Hotline~~ or to a local law enforcement
74 agency and shall post in a conspicuous place in the
75 establishment which is accessible to employees a sign with the
76 relevant provisions of the reporting procedure.

77 Section 5. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 509.096,
78 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

79 509.096 Human trafficking awareness training and policies
80 for ~~employees of~~ public lodging establishments; enforcement.—

81 (1) A public lodging establishment shall:

82 (a) Provide annual training regarding human trafficking
83 awareness to employees of the establishment who perform
84 housekeeping duties in the rental units or who work at the front
85 desk or reception area where guests ordinarily check in or check
86 out. Such training must also be provided for new employees
87 within 60 days after they begin their employment in those roles.

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88 ~~or by January 1, 2021, whichever occurs later.~~ Each employee
89 must submit to the hiring establishment a signed and dated
90 acknowledgment of having received the training, which the
91 establishment must provide to the Department of Business and
92 Professional Regulation upon request. The establishment may keep
93 such acknowledgment electronically.

94 (b) ~~By January 1, 2021,~~ Implement a procedure for the
95 reporting of suspected human trafficking to the National Human
96 Trafficking Hotline or to a local law enforcement agency.

97 (c) By January 1, 2025 ~~2021~~, post in a conspicuous location
98 in the establishment which is accessible to employees a human
99 trafficking public awareness sign at least 11 inches by 15
100 inches in size, printed in an easily legible font and in at
101 least 32-point type, which states in English and Spanish and any
102 other language predominantly spoken in that area which the
103 department deems appropriate substantially the following:

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105 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an
106 activity and cannot leave, whether it is prostitution,
107 housework, farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant
108 work, or any other activity, call the Florida Human Trafficking
109 Hotline, 1-855-FLA-SAFE, ~~the National Human Trafficking Resource~~
110 ~~Center at 888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733~~ to access
111 help and services. Victims of slavery and human trafficking are
112 protected under United States and Florida law."

113 (3) ~~For a violation committed on or after July 1, 2023,~~ The
114 division shall impose an administrative fine of \$2,000 per day
115 on a public lodging establishment that is not in compliance with
116 this section and remit the fines to the direct-support

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117 organization established under s. 16.618, unless the division
118 receives adequate written documentation from the public lodging
119 establishment which provides assurance that each deficiency will
120 be corrected within 45 days after the division provided the
121 public lodging establishment with notice of its violation. For a
122 second or subsequent violation of this subsection ~~committed on~~
123 ~~or after July 1, 2023,~~ the division may not provide a correction
124 period to a public lodging establishment and must impose the
125 applicable administrative fines.

126 Section 6. Subsection (13) is added to section 787.06,
127 Florida Statutes, to read:

128 787.06 Human trafficking.—

129 (13) When a contract is executed, renewed, or extended
130 between a nongovernmental entity and a governmental entity, the
131 nongovernmental entity must provide the governmental entity with
132 an affidavit signed by an officer or a representative of the
133 nongovernmental entity under penalty of perjury attesting that
134 the nongovernmental entity does not use coercion for labor or
135 services as defined in this section. For purposes of this
136 subsection, the term "governmental entity" has the same meaning
137 as in s. 287.138(1).

138 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 787.29, Florida
139 Statutes, is amended to read:

140 787.29 Human trafficking public awareness signs.—

141 (4) The required public awareness sign must be at least 8.5
142 inches by 11 inches in size, must be printed in at least a 16-
143 point type, and must state substantially the following in
144 English and Spanish:

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146 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an
147 activity and cannot leave—whether it is prostitution, housework,
148 farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant work, or any
149 other activity—call the Florida Human Trafficking Hotline, 1-
150 855-FLA-SAFE, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at
151 ~~1-888-373-7888~~ or text INFO or HELP to ~~233-733~~ to access help
152 and services. Victims of slavery and human trafficking are
153 protected under United States and Florida law."

154 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.