

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Human trafficking, human trafficking victims, property forfeitures, rights of victims, admitting evidence of past actions, definitions of certain offenses, and providing penalties		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law defines trafficking as actually, or attempting the action of, recruiting, enticing, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining an individual without consent of the individual. This bill eliminates the element that an individual has not consented. Also, this bill adds a number of activities and behaviors to those prohibited under current law related to human trafficking, sex offenses, and domestic abuse.

Prosecutors believe this law, if enacted, may make prosecutions easier by eliminating the consent element, thereby clearing the way to prosecute more human trafficking cases that they may not have been able to do previously. However, prosecutors believe that if the consent element was the only thing holding them back, there probably were other charges they would prosecute. If consent by the victim was the only issue, the conduct involved was something prosecutors would not have turned away from. Consequently, prosecutors do not believe this bill, if enacted, will have a fiscal impact on their offices.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Prosecutors do not expect there to be a long-term fiscal impact on their offices.