March 10, 2022 – Introduced by Representatives HAYWOOD, LOUDENBECK, EMERSON, B. MEYERS, KRUG, HEBL, ANDRACA, S. RODRIGUEZ, DRAKE, VRUWINK, SUBECK, MOORE OMKUNDE, CONLEY, CABRERA, HONG, CONSIDINE, HESSELBEIN, BALDEH, L. MYERS, SPREITZER and SHELTON, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR and AGARD. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AN ACT to create 15.107 (20) and 16.035 of the statutes; relating to: creating a human trafficking council.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a human trafficking council in the Department of Administration. Under the bill, the human trafficking council must make recommendations for eliminating human trafficking and aiding victims of human trafficking in Wisconsin and must conduct training on combating human trafficking.

The human trafficking council consists of the governor, or if the governor so designates, the lieutenant governor; the attorney general; the secretary of children and families; and the following 18 members appointed for staggered two-year terms: 1) four public members appointed by the governor; 2) two public members and two senators appointed by the president of the senate; 3) two public members and one senator appointed by the senate minority leader; 4) two public members and two representatives to the assembly appointed by the speaker of the assembly; and 5) two public members and one representative to the assembly appointed by the assembly minority leader. The bill also requires that the persons who appoint members of the council ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the council is diverse with respect to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, and geography.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 15.107 (20) of the statutes is created to read:

15.107 (20) COUNCIL ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING. (a) Creation. There is created a council on human trafficking that is attached to the department of administration under s. 15.03. The council shall consist of 21 members.

(b) Membership. The council consists of the following members:

1. The governor, or if the governor so designates, the lieutenant governor.
2. The attorney general or the attorney general’s designee.
3. The secretary of children and families or the secretary’s designee.
4. Four public members appointed by the governor.
5. Two public members appointed by the president of the senate.
6. Two senators appointed by the president of the senate.
7. Two public members appointed by the senate minority leader.
8. One senator appointed by the senate minority leader.
9. Two public members appointed by the speaker of the assembly.
10. Two representatives to the assembly appointed by the speaker of the assembly.
11. Two public members appointed by the assembly minority leader.
12. One representative to the assembly appointed by the assembly minority leader.

(c) Terms of members. Members under par. (b) 4. to 9. and 11. shall be appointed to staggered 2-year terms. Members appointed under par. (b) 10. and 12. shall serve for his or her term in office.

(d) Appointments. When appointing members under par. (b), the person making the appointment shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the
council is diverse with respect to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, and geography.

**SECTION 2.** 16.035 of the statutes is created to read:

**16.035 Council on human trafficking.** The council on human trafficking shall recommend changes to the public and private sectors and initiate legislation to eliminate human trafficking and to aid victims of human trafficking in Wisconsin, and conduct training on combating human trafficking.

**SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) **COUNCIL; STAGGERING OF TERMS.** Notwithstanding the length of terms specified for the members of the council on human trafficking under s. 15.107 (20), 7 of the initial members appointed under s. 15.107 (20) (b) 4. to 9. and 11. shall be appointed for a term expiring on July 1, 2023, and 8 of the initial members appointed under s. 15.107 (20) (b) 4. to 9. and 11. shall be appointed for a term expiring on July 1, 2024.