

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	23-5214/1	Introduction Number	AB-0978	Estimate Type	Original
Description creation of a Human Trafficking Council and requiring the establishment of county sex trafficking task forces					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a Human Trafficking Council attached to the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Under the bill, the council consists of the following members: the head (Secretary) or a designee of the Departments of Children and Families and Transportation; the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (DPI); the state public defender, or his or her designee; one district attorney; one chief of police; two sheriffs; four representatives of organizations that provide human trafficking victim support services; one representative of the Office of Crime Victim Services; and one representative of the Internet Crimes Against Children task forces.

The bill enumerates the duties of the Human Trafficking Council:

- Compile an inventory of human trafficking prevention programs and services
- Maintain an online database to share information about human trafficking
- Review and assess the efficacy of the expenditure of state funds for human trafficking prevention
- Compile and analyze data about human trafficking arrests and prosecutions
- Assess sex trafficking activities in each county, track averages across counties, and determine whether a county is experiencing above-average sex trafficking activities
- Assess the regulation and oversight of facilities that provide residential care in a congregate living environment
- Assess the use of social media platforms for human trafficking purposes in the state and develop recommendations on how to stop, reduce, or prevent such use
- Develop a state strategic plan for reducing human trafficking, generally
- Develop various protocols and training programs relating to human trafficking.

This bill also requires any county that is determined by the Human Trafficking Council to be experiencing above-average sex trafficking activities to establish a sex trafficking task force to combat sex trafficking in that county.

State Impact: Indeterminate. With respect to DPI, the bill does not have a direct fiscal impact, as it does not modify appropriations. The bill would require that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (or designee) dedicate time to participate in the DOJ-Human Trafficking Council and conduct work related to the Council as needed. The amount of staff time that would be required to conduct work for the Council is unknown and therefor, related costs are indeterminate.

Local Impact: this bill does not have a direct fiscal impact on K-12 schools or public libraries.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications