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SB 42 Reengrossed

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Proposed law creates the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission within the office of the governor with the following duties:

- (1) Assist state and local leaders in developing and coordinating human trafficking prevention programs.
- (2) Conduct a continuing comprehensive review of all existing public and private human trafficking programs to identify gaps in prevention and intervention services.
- (3) Increase coordination among public and private programs to strengthen prevention and intervention services.
- (4) Make recommendations with respect to human trafficking prevention and intervention.
- (5) Develop a state needs assessment and a comprehensive and integrated service delivery approach that meets the needs of all human trafficking victims.
- (6) Establish a method to transition human trafficking service providers toward evidence-based national best practices focusing on outreach and prevention.
- (7) Develop a plan that ensures that Louisiana laws on human trafficking are properly implemented and provide training to law enforcement, the judiciary, and service providers.
- (8) Review the statutory response to human trafficking, analyze the impact and effectiveness of strategies contained in Louisiana law, and make recommendations on legislation to further anti-trafficking efforts.
- (9) Develop mechanisms to promote public awareness of human trafficking, including promotion of the national 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service on human trafficking.
- (10) Promote training courses and other educational materials for use by persons required to undergo training on the handling of, and response procedures for, suspected human trafficking activities.
- (11) Develop a framework to collect and integrate data and measure program outcomes.
- (12) Receive reports and recommendations from the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board.
- (13) Do all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the commission is created.

Proposed law provides for a 17-member commission and requires the commission to hold its first meeting by August 1, 2017.

Proposed law also creates the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board to provide information and recommendations to the commission.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:2165 – 2168)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Add option of the designee of the executive director of the La. District Attorneys Association to commission membership.
2. Add option of the designee of the State Public Defender to commission membership.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Allows the commission to elect its own officers in lieu of gubernatorial appointment.
2. Replaces the Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocate Association with LouisianaChildren.org as an appointing authority to the advisory board.
3. Makes technical corrections.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the reengrossed bill:

1. Make technical corrections.
2. Add a member nominated by the La. Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics or its designee to the advisory board.
3. Add an effective date upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.