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ACT 181 (SB 42)

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Creates a 17-member 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 requires that the commission to hold its first meeting by August 1, 2017.

Proposed law also creates a 22-member Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board to provide information and recommendations to the commission consisting of the following:

- (1) The Senate president or his designee.
- (2) The House speaker or his designee.
- (3) The attorney general or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of the La. Workforce Commission or his designee.
- (5) The state superintendent of education or his designee.
- (6) The deputy secretary of the office of juvenile justice of the DPSC or his designee.

- (7) The secretary of the DCFS or his designee.
- (8) The secretary of the LDH or his designee.
- (9) The secretary of the DPSC or his designee.
- (10) The superintendent of the La. State Police or his designee.
- (11) The president of the La. Association of Chiefs of Police or his designee.
- (12) The executive director of the La. Sheriffs' Association or his designee.
- (13) The chief justice of the La. Supreme Court or his designee.
- (14) A representative of the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board selected by its members.
- (15) The executive director of the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.
- (16) The state public defender or his designee.
- (17) The executive director of the La. District Attorneys Association or his designee.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 12, 2017).

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