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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 321** HLS 26RS 280

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **W/ SEN FLOOR AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Victims of Human Trafficking and Prostitution Offenses		

HUMAN TRAFFICKING EGF NO IMPACT See Note
Provides relative to victims of human trafficking and prostitution offenses

Current law provides for the crimes and affirmative defenses of human trafficking, trafficking of children for sexual purposes, prostitution-related offenses, purchase of commercial sexual activity, and other sex offenses; prohibits the prosecution of a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes for unlawful acts committed as a direct result of being trafficked; provides for eligibility for services; permits a DA to effect an informal adjustment agreement including specialized services for a child where a petition involves certain prostitution-related offenses under certain circumstances; permits DA to continue with delinquency proceedings if a child has been adjudicated delinquent of certain prostitution-based offenses and is uncooperative with specialized services for sexually exploited children. Proposed law adds soliciting for prostitutes as a crime for which a victim of trafficking involving services that include commercial activity or a sex offense shall have an affirmative defense; provides that any child engaged in prostitution or its related offenses is presumed to be a victim of human trafficking; exempts a child who is a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes from criminal responsibility and delinquency proceedings for prostitution-related offenses, and advises of their eligibility for specialized services for sexually exploited children and victims of human trafficking, trafficking of children for sexual purposes, or a combination thereof (and for victims 18 or older, requires that they are notified of specialized services, including victim advocacy services); adds to the crime of prostitution receiving or agreeing to receive anything of value as compensation; changes alleged acts from certain prostitution-based offenses to an unlawful act committed as a direct result of a child being a victim of human trafficking.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

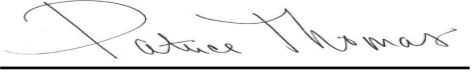
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed law retains current law on human trafficking and prostitution-related offenses, updates language and expands protections and services for victims, clarifies eligibility for specialized services for sexually exploited children and trafficking victims, and adds victim advocacy as a service option.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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