



2017 Florida Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy Day April 13, 2017

The following human trafficking bills are pending before the Florida Legislature. Bill content frequently changes as legislation progresses through the process. For more information, please contact the sponsor's office.

HB – refers to House bills; SB – refers to Senate bills

HB 1165 - Relating to Victims of Human Trafficking & SB 970 - Relating to Florida Compensation Trust Fund for Survivors of Human Trafficking/Department of Law Enforcement

Sponsors: Spano and Bracy

Summary:

- Gives victims the right to bring a suit against their perpetrators
- Allows for compensation for damages, attorney fees and cost, as well as civil penalties and civil forfeitures
- Allows victims to have a closed hearing under specific circumstances, making it easier to testify against perpetrators and maintain confidentiality
- Offers immunity for certain evidence presented
- Gives more legal power and rights to the victim when it comes to testifying and compensation, as a result of the damages caused by being a victim of human trafficking
- Creates a trust fund for survivors of human trafficking that would greatly benefit victims and would attempt to compensate them for the damages caused by traffickers

HB 1167 - Relating to Trust Funds/Creation/Florida Compensation Trust Fund for Survivors of Human Trafficking/EOG & SB 972 - Relating to Human Trafficking

Sponsors: Spano and Bracy

Summary:

- Creates a trust fund for survivors of human trafficking that would greatly benefit victims and would attempt to compensate them for damages caused by traffickers
- Focuses on minors
- Creates for a suit of action that would allow minors to sue to obtain money, compensation or file against the victim's traffickers
- The Florida Compensation Fund would cover any expenses from attorney fees, investigative expenses, court costs, economic and noneconomic damages, forfeited personal and other civil penalties

HB 699 & SB 684 - Relating to Internet Identifiers

Sponsors: Mariano and Baxley

Summary:

- Requires any sexual predators and sexual offender to register each Internet identifiers corresponding website or application name with FDLE and report any change to certain information after initial in-person registration in specified manner

SB 754 - Relating to Trauma-informed Services for Children

Sponsor: Steube

Summary:

- Prohibits a child who has suffered sexual exploitation from being placed in a generic shelter setting when safe-harbor or trauma-informed housing is not available

HB 1383 & SB 852 - Relating to Human Trafficking

Sponsors: Nunez and Garcia

Summary:

- Requires DCF to conduct multidisciplinary staffing on child victims of sexual exploitation to determine child's service & placement needs
- Requires a case plan for victims of child sexual exploitation
- Requires department to follow up on all victims of child sexual exploitation who are not dependents within specified timeframe
- Requires department to assess local service capacity

SB 337 & SB 870 – Relating to Internet Access

Sponsors: Spano and Baxley

Summary:

- Increases state control over what content is viewable online
- Requires businesses that sell internet capable devices, such a phones or laptops, to have a filter blocking the user's access to content deemed by the state to be related to human trafficking, pornography or sexual content
- Provides criminal charges to businesses who do not filter content on the devices
- Provides for the distribution of revenue from fees to be granted to human trafficking victim services