

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1023

SENATE BILL NO. 1751

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 1302

By Sherry Jones, Gilmore, Hardaway, Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to crimes and civil liability for such crimes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) The Select Committee on Children and Youth is directed to study human sex trafficking, the improvements that should be made to existing laws relative to human sex trafficking and the impact of human sex trafficking on children and youth in this state. The committee shall study all issues associated with human sex trafficking and shall:

(1) Collect and organize available data, if any, on the nature and extent of human sex trafficking in this state;

(2) Examine collaborative models between governmental and nongovernmental organizations for protecting victims of human sex trafficking;

(3) Examine the progress of this state in preventing human sex trafficking;

(4) Examine the problems associated with identifying victims and establishing adequate sanctuary and rehabilitation opportunities for victims of human sex trafficking;

(5) Analyze current laws for their adequacy in protecting minor victims of human sex trafficking and, if necessary, recommend revisions to such laws that specifically address protecting minor victims of human sex trafficking;

(6) Identify available federal, state and local programs that provide services to victims of human sex trafficking, including health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second language classes, voluntary repatriation and victim's compensation; and assess the need for additional services, including shelter services for human sex trafficking victims;

(7) Evaluate existing and potential programs to increase public awareness of human sex trafficking;

(8) Analyze existing state criminal statutes for their adequacy in preventing human sex trafficking and, if necessary, recommend revisions to such laws or the enactment of new laws that specifically define and address human sex trafficking;

(9) Consult with governmental and nongovernmental organizations in developing recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent human sex trafficking, protect and assist victims of human sex trafficking and prosecute human sex traffickers, and make such recommendations, if any; and

(10) Examine any other issues relative to deterring and preventing human sex trafficking in Tennessee.

(b) The Select Committee on Children and Youth shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Judiciary Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate no later than March 1, 2011.

(c) All appropriate state and local agencies shall provide assistance to the Select Committee on Children and Youth upon request of the chair.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 4, 2010



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of June 2010



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