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## DIGEST

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HB 161 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to bail conditions for defendants alleged to have committed certain human trafficking offenses.

Present law provides for bail conditions.

Proposed law generally retains present law.

Present law provides bail conditions for defendants who are alleged to have committed crimes of violence.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires the court, as a condition of bail, to impose a restriction that a defendant who is alleged to have committed the offense of human trafficking or trafficking of children for sexual purposes refrain from contacting, communicating, or physically interacting with the victim. Further provides limited exceptions for when the offender is permitted communication.

Proposed law requires the court, as a condition of bail, to impose a restriction that a defendant who is alleged to have committed the offense of human trafficking or trafficking of children for sexual purposes refrain from engaging in work that involves any of the following:

- (1) Working as a driver for a transportation network company.
- (2) Operation of any bus, taxicab, or limousine for hire.
- (3) Providing in-home services as a service worker entering a residence.
- (4) Operation of any carnival or amusement ride.
- (5) Acting as a door-to-door solicitor, peddler, or itinerant vendor selling any type of goods or services including magazines or periodicals or subscriptions to magazines or periodicals.
- (6) Exercising supervisory or disciplinary authority over children.
- (7) Operating or participating in the governance of any early learning center, residential home, or residence in which child care services are provided by a registered family child care

provider or in-home provider.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 320(J)(1); Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 320(J)(4))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove human trafficking and trafficking of children for sexual purposes as offenses when a consideration of the court is needed for conditions of release.
2. Clarify that the defendant is restricted from participating in certain occupations for work, rather than employment.
3. Remove the proposed law requirement that the court consider the previous criminal history of the defendant and whether the defendant poses a threat or danger to the public in determining the work restrictions of the defendant.
4. Require the court, as a condition of bail, to prohibit a defendant alleged to have committed human trafficking or trafficking of children for sexual purposes from going to the victim's residence or household, school, or place of employment, or from otherwise contacting the victim in any manner.
5. Make technical changes.