

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



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

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Victims of Human Trafficking and Prostitution Offenses		

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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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

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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