

HB 1505-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that: (1) Juveniles involved in the commercial sex trade are sexually exploited and they face extreme threats to their physical and emotional well-being;

(2) These juveniles are in critical need of comprehensive services, including housing, mental health counseling, education, employment, chemical dependency treatment, and skill building; and

(3) A diversion program to provide these comprehensive services, working within existing resources in the counties which prosecute juveniles for prostitution and prostitution loitering, may be an appropriate alternative to the prosecution of juveniles involved in the commercial sex trade.

Expires July 1, 2011.