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**SENATE BILL 5884**

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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Kohl-Welles, Darneille, Padden, Keiser, Conway, Chase, and Hasegawa

AN ACT Relating to the trafficking of persons; amending RCW 7.68.350 and 7.68.801; adding a new section to chapter 7.68 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The office of crime victims advocacy is designated as the single point of contact in state government regarding the trafficking of persons.

(2) The Washington state clearinghouse on human trafficking is created as an information portal to share and coordinate statewide efforts to combat the trafficking of persons. The clearinghouse will include an internet web site operated by the office of crime victims advocacy, and will serve the following functions:

(a) Coordinating information regarding all statewide task forces relating to the trafficking of persons, including sex trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation of children, and labor trafficking;

(b) Publishing the findings and legislative reports of all statewide task forces relating to the trafficking of persons;

(c) Providing a comprehensive directory of resources for victims of trafficking; and

(d) Collecting and disseminating up-to-date information regarding the trafficking of persons, including news and legislative efforts, both state and federal.

**Sec.**  RCW 7.68.350 and 2003 c 266 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is created the Washington state task force against the trafficking of persons.

(2) The task force shall consist of the following members:

(a) The director of the office of ((~~community development~~))crime victims advocacy, or the director's designee;

(b) The secretary of the department of health, or the secretary's designee;

(c) The secretary of the department of social and health services, or the secretary's designee;

(d) The director of the department of labor and industries, or the director's designee;

(e) The commissioner of the employment security department, or the commissioner's designee;

(f) Nine members, selected by the director of the office of ((~~community development~~))crime victims advocacy, that represent public and private sector organizations that provide assistance to persons who are victims of trafficking.

(3) The task force shall be chaired by the director of the office of ((~~community development~~))crime victims advocacy, or the director's designee.

(4) The task force shall carry out the following activities:

(a) Measure and evaluate the progress of the state in trafficking prevention activities;

(b) Identify available federal, state, and local programs that provide services to victims of trafficking that include, but are not limited to health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second language classes, and victim's compensation; and

(c) Make recommendations on methods to provide a coordinated system of support and assistance to persons who are victims of trafficking.

(5) The task force shall report its ((~~supplemental~~)) findings and make recommendations to the governor and legislature ((~~by June 30, 2004~~))as needed.

(6) The office of ((~~community development~~))crime victims advocacy shall provide necessary administrative and clerical support to the task force, within available resources.

(7) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, within available resources.

((~~(8) The task force expires June 30, 2004.~~))

**Sec.**  RCW 7.68.801 and 2013 c 253 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The commercially sexually exploited children statewide coordinating committee is established to address the issue of children who are commercially sexually exploited, to examine the practices of local and regional entities involved in addressing sexually exploited children, and to make recommendations on statewide laws and practices.

(2) The committee is convened by the office of the attorney general and consists of the following members:

(a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house;

(b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(c) A representative of the governor's office appointed by the governor;

(d) The secretary of the children's administration or his or her designee;

(e) The secretary of the juvenile rehabilitation administration or his or her designee;

(f) The attorney general or his or her designee;

(g) The superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee;

(h) A representative of the administrative office of the courts appointed by the administrative office of the courts;

(i) The executive director of the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs or his or her designee;

(j) The executive director of the Washington state criminal justice training commission or his or her designee;

(k) A representative of the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys appointed by the association;

(l) The executive director of the office of public defense or his or her designee;

(m) Three representatives of community service providers that provide direct services to commercially sexually exploited children appointed by the attorney general;

(n) Two representatives of nongovernmental organizations familiar with the issues affecting commercially sexually exploited children appointed by the attorney general;

(o) The president of the superior court judges' association or his or her designee;

(p) The president of the juvenile court administrators or his or her designee;

(q) Any existing chairs of regional task forces on commercially sexually exploited children;

(r) A representative from the criminal defense bar;

(s) A representative of the center for children and youth justice;

(t) A representative from the office of crime victims advocacy; and

(u) The executive director of the Washington coalition of sexual assault programs.

(3) The duties of the committee include, but are not limited to:

(a) Overseeing and reviewing the implementation of the Washington state model protocol for commercially sexually exploited children at pilot sites;

(b) Receiving reports and data from local and regional entities regarding the incidence of commercially sexually exploited children in their areas as well as data information regarding perpetrators, geographic data and location trends, and any other data deemed relevant;

(c) Receiving reports on local coordinated community response practices and results of the community responses;

(d) Reviewing recommendations from local and regional entities regarding policy and legislative changes that would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local response practices;

(e) Making recommendations regarding policy and legislative changes that would improve the effectiveness of the state's response to and promote best practices for suppression of the commercial sexual exploitation of children;

(f) Making recommendations regarding data collection useful to understanding or addressing the problem of commercially sexually exploited children; and

(g) Reviewing and making recommendations regarding strategic local investments or opportunities for federal and state funding to address the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

(4) The committee must meet no less than annually.

(5) The committee shall report its findings to the appropriate committees of the legislature and to any other known statewide committees addressing trafficking or the commercial sex trade by June 30th of each year.

(6) This section expires June 30, ((~~2015~~))2017.

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