

HB 2857 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Prohibits a person under age eighteen suspected of committing the crime of prostitution from being: (1) Charged or prosecuted for a prostitution offense; or

(2) Booked into detention for a prostitution offense.

Requires law enforcement, before completing a law enforcement contact with an individual under eighteen years of age suspected of prostitution, to: (1) Make a child abuse or neglect report;

(2) Deliver the youth to an evaluation and treatment facility for evaluation for immediate mental health or substance use disorder inpatient treatment; or

(3) Refer the individual to other appropriate services.

Requires the office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs to administer funding for two receiving center pilot programs for commercially sexually exploited youth.