

By Senator Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 787.0611,
3 F.S.; creating the Trust Fund for Victims of Human
4 Trafficking and Prevention within the Department of
5 Law Enforcement; providing the purposes of, and
6 funding sources for, the trust fund; providing for
7 administration of the fund; providing for future
8 review and termination or re-creation of the trust
9 fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Section 787.0611, Florida Statutes, is created
14 to read:

15 787.0611 The Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking
16 and Prevention.—

17 (1) There is created within the Department of Law
18 Enforcement the Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking and
19 Prevention.

20 (2) The trust fund shall consist of funds obtained under s.
21 787.061 and funds received from any other source, including
22 legislative appropriations.

23 (3) (a) The department shall administer the trust fund and
24 must use its funds in a manner that ensures that they are used
25 for victims of human trafficking, including, but not limited to,
26 medical and mental health examinations and treatment, living
27 expenses, lost wages, and repatriation of such victims.

28 (b) The trust fund moneys may also be used for the
29 following purposes:

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30 1. Educating the public about the recruitment, trafficking,
31 and exploitation of persons through human trafficking.

32 2. Assisting in the prevention of recruitment of minors for
33 exploitation in schools in this state.

34 3. Establishing a survivors' resource center to make legal
35 services, social services, safe harbors, safe houses, and
36 language services available to survivors of human trafficking.

37 4. Advertising the National Human Trafficking Resource
38 Center hotline telephone number and the BeFree Textline in
39 diverse venues.

40 5. Assisting in the coordination between law enforcement
41 agencies and service providers.

42 6. Assisting in vacating the convictions of victims of
43 human trafficking, whose offenses were the result of the force,
44 duress, or coercion of a human trafficker.

45 (4) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State
46 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be
47 terminated on July 1, 2022. Before its scheduled termination,
48 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)
49 and (2).

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that
51 SB ___ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation
52 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension
53 thereof and becomes a law.