

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
Senators Book and Campbell

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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 funding sources for the
6 trust fund; requiring the department to administer the
7 fund; providing the purpose of the trust fund;
8 authorizing the department to contract with certain
9 entities, subject to availability of funds and
10 appropriations; providing for future review and
11 termination or re-creation of the trust fund;
12 providing a contingent effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 787.0611, Florida Statutes, is created
17 to read:

18 787.0611 The Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking
19 and Prevention.—

20 (1) There is created within the Department of Law
21 Enforcement the Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking and
22 Prevention.

23 (2) The trust fund shall consist of funds obtained under s.
24 787.061 and funds received from any other source, including
25 legislative appropriations.

26 (3) The department shall administer the trust fund.

27 (4) The purposes of the fund include, but are not limited

28 to:

29 (a) Educating the public about the recruitment,

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30 trafficking, and exploitation of persons through human
31 trafficking.

32 (b) Assisting in the prevention of recruitment of minors
33 for exploitation in schools in this state.

34 (c) 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 (d) Advertising the National Human Trafficking Resource
38 Center hotline telephone number and the BeFree Textline in
39 diverse venues.

40 (e) Assisting in the coordination between law enforcement
41 agencies and service providers.

42 (f) 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 (g) Funding medical and mental health examinations and
46 treatment, living expenses, lost wages, and repatriation of
47 human trafficking victims.

48 (5) Subject to the availability of funds and subject to
49 legislative appropriation, the department may contract with
50 entities having appropriate expertise and experience to manage
51 and provide services outlined in this section.

52 (6) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State
53 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be
54 terminated on July 1, 2022. Before its scheduled termination,
55 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)
56 and (2).

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that
58 SB 1044 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation

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59 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension
60 thereof and becomes a law.