

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 787.0611,
 3 F.S.; creating within the Executive Office of the
 4 Governor the Florida Compensation Trust Fund for
 5 Survivors of Human Trafficking; providing for the
 6 purposes and sources of funds of the trust fund;
 7 providing for a fund administrator; providing for a
 8 panel to evaluate and pay compensation claims;
 9 requiring the fund to develop certain guidelines and
 10 plans; requiring an annual report; requiring that
 11 applications for compensation be made available in
 12 English and Spanish; providing for future review and
 13 termination or re-creation of the trust fund;
 14 providing a contingent effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Section 787.0611, Florida Statutes, is created
 19 to read:

20 787.0611 The Florida Compensation Trust Fund for Survivors
 21 of Human Trafficking.-

22 (1) There is created a trust fund within the Executive
 23 Office of the Governor to be known as the Florida Compensation
 24 Trust Fund for Survivors of Human Trafficking.

25 (2) The purpose of the fund is to receive and administer

26 funds from civil actions brought on behalf of the fund under s.
27 787.061, including money from seizures of personal and real
28 property, penalties imposed by the courts, or received from any
29 other public or private sources or from the Legislature; to
30 administer claims for compensation by survivors of human
31 trafficking; and to create a public-private partnership by
32 establishing a 501(c)(3) foundation for receipt of charitable
33 contributions to carry out the foundation's purposes, including
34 but not limited to:

35 (a) Educating the public about the recruitment,
36 trafficking, and exploitation of persons through human
37 trafficking.

38 (b) Assisting in the prevention of recruitment in Florida
39 schools of minors for exploitation.

40 (c) Establishment of a survivors' resource center for
41 legal services, social services, safe harbors, safe houses, and
42 language services that are available to survivors of
43 trafficking.

44 (d) Advertising the National Human Trafficking Resource
45 Center (NHTRC) hotline number and the Be Free Text Line in
46 diverse venues.

47 (e) Assisting in the coordination between law enforcement
48 and service providers.

49 (f) Assisting in vacating the convictions of minors who
50 were victims of trafficking.

51 (3) The Governor shall appoint the administrator of the
52 fund and a three person panel to fairly evaluate and pay
53 compensation claims based upon a victim's circumstances and the
54 availability of current funds or funds to be received.

55 (4) The fund shall establish guidelines and an
56 implementation plan and file a copy with the Executive Office of
57 the Governor and subsequent changes or amendments thereto shall
58 likewise be filed when adopted.

59 (5) The Executive Office of the Governor shall issue an
60 annual report no later than October 1 of each year to the
61 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
62 Representatives detailing the fund's compliance with its duties
63 during the prior fiscal year.

64 (6) The fund shall make applications for compensation
65 available in English and in Spanish.

66 (7) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State
67 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be
68 terminated on July 1, 2021. Before its scheduled termination,
69 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)
70 and (2).

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date
72 that HB 1165 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
73 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
74 extension thereof and becomes a law, and only if this act is
75 enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house

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76 | of the Legislature.