

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 Legal Affairs; providing the purposes of, and funding
 6 sources for, the trust fund; providing for
 7 administration of the fund by the Statewide Council on
 8 Human Trafficking; providing for future review and
 9 termination or re-creation of the trust fund;
 10 providing a contingent effective date.

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

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

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

18 (1) There is created within the Department of Legal
 19 Affairs a trust fund to be known as the Trust Fund for Victims
 20 of Human Trafficking and Prevention.

21 (2) The trust fund shall consist of funds obtained under
 22 s. 787.061(4) from civil actions brought on behalf of victims of
 23 human trafficking, from forfeiture of personal and real property
 24 pursuant to a civil forfeiture action, and from penalties
 25 imposed by the courts, and funds received from any other source,

26 | including legislative appropriations.

27 | (3) The purposes of the fund include, but are not limited
28 | to:

29 | (a) Educating the public about the recruitment,
30 | trafficking, and exploitation of persons through human
31 | trafficking.

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

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

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

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

43 | (f) Assisting in vacating the convictions of persons who
44 | were victims of human trafficking.

45 | (g) Distributing compensation to victims of human
46 | trafficking under s. 787.061.

47 | (4) The fund shall be administered by the Statewide
48 | Council on Human Trafficking created in s. 16.617.

49 | (5) In addition to the purposes specified in subsection
50 | (3), moneys in the fund may be used to bring actions, and to pay

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51 any associated costs under such actions, under s. 787.061(5).

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, 2021. 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
58 that CS/CS/HB 1165 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
59 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
60 extension thereof and becomes a law.