By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Harrell

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to victims of human trafficking; amending s. 796.07, F.S.; providing a definition; providing construction; requiring a specified period of incarceration for solicitation of prostitution offenses involving victims of human trafficking; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 796.07, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraph (e) is added to subsection (1) and paragraph (e) is added to subsection (5) of that section, and paragraph (f) of subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of that section are republished, to read: 796.07 Prohibiting prostitution and related acts.—

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(1) As used in this section:

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(e) "Human trafficking" has the same meaning as provided in s. 787.06.

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(2) It is unlawful:

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(f) To solicit, induce, entice, or procure another to commit prostitution, lewdness, or assignation.

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(5)(a) A person who violates paragraph (2)(f) commits:

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1. A misdemeanor of the first degree for a first violation, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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2. A felony of the third degree for a second violation, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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3. A felony of the second degree for a third or subsequent violation, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or

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s. 775.084.

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(c) In addition to any other penalty imposed, the court shall sentence a person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of paragraph (2)(f) to a minimum mandatory period of incarceration of 10 days. This sentence shall be served consecutively to any period of incarceration imposed under paragraph (e).

(e) If a person violates paragraph (2) (f) and the person solicited, induced, enticed, or procured is a victim of human trafficking, in addition to any other penalty imposed, the person shall be sentenced by the court to a period of incarceration of 30 days.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2019.