By Senator Book

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to human trafficking prevention;
amending s. 488.01, F.S.; requiring certain commercial
driver schools to offer as part of their curriculum
either a human trafficking prevention course
administered by the Department of Law Enforcement or
by a certain organization or certain industry-specific
training; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement
to adopt rules by a specified date to develop and
implement the human trafficking prevention course;
amending s. 1012.45, F.S.; requiring that a specified
amount of time in a school bus driver training program
provided by a district school board be allocated to
certain industry-specific training; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 488.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
488.01 License to engage in business of operating a driver school required.—
(1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
shall oversee and license all commercial driver schools except
truck driving schools. All commercial truck driving schools
shall be required to be licensed pursuant to chapter 1005, and
additionally, shall be subject to subsection (2) and the provisions of ss. 488.04 and 488.05. No person, group,
organization, institution, business entity, or corporate entity
may engage in the business of operating a driver school without
first obtaining a license therefor from the Department of
Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles pursuant to this chapter or
from the Commission for Independent Education pursuant to
chapter 1005.

(2) Except for commercial driver schools or curriculum
offered only for school bus drivers, all publicly funded
commercial driver schools, including all commercial truck
driving schools, must offer as part of their curriculum either
of the following:

(a) A human trafficking prevention course administered by
the Department of Law Enforcement or by an organization that is
approved by the Department of Law Enforcement to present such a
course. The Department of Law Enforcement shall adopt rules to
develop and implement the human trafficking prevention course by
January 1, 2021.

(b) Industry-specific training on the recognition,
prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 1012.45, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.45 School bus drivers; requirements and duties.—
(4) Each district school board may provide a school bus
driver training program and may make this program available to
private school bus drivers by contract. If a district school
board provides a school bus driver training program, 40 minutes
of the program must be allocated to industry-specific training
on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human
trafficking.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.