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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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Senator Garcia moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Present paragraphs (b) through (e) of subsection  
(4) of section 16.617, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
paragraphs (c) through (f), respectively, and a new paragraph  
(b) is added to that subsection, to read:

16.617 Statewide Council on Human Trafficking; creation;  
membership; duties.—

(4) DUTIES.—The council shall:



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12           (b) Assess the frequency and extent to which social media  
13 platforms are used to assist, facilitate, or support human  
14 trafficking within this state, establish a process to detect  
15 such use on a consistent basis, and make recommendations on how  
16 to stop, reduce, or prevent social media platforms from being  
17 used for such purposes. To the extent that these objectives can  
18 be achieved under existing laws, the council must implement a  
19 system to do so without undue delay.

20           Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
21 16.618, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is added  
22 to that subsection, to read:

23           16.618 Direct-support organization.—

24           (4)

25           (b) Recognizing that this state hosts large-scale events,  
26 including sporting events, concerts, and cultural events, which  
27 generate significant tourism to this state, produce significant  
28 economic revenue, and often are conduits for human trafficking,  
29 the institute must develop training that is available ~~ready~~ for  
30 statewide dissemination ~~by not later than October 1, 2019.~~

31           1. Training must focus on detecting human trafficking, best  
32 practices for reporting human trafficking, and the interventions  
33 and treatment for survivors of human trafficking.

34           2. In developing the training, the institute shall consult  
35 with law enforcement agencies, survivors of human trafficking,  
36 industry representatives, tourism representatives, and other  
37 interested parties. The institute also must conduct research to  
38 determine the reduction in recidivism attributable to the  
39 education of the harms of human trafficking for first-time  
40 offenders.



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41       (f) The direct-support organization shall develop training  
42 for firesafety inspectors in the recognition and reporting of  
43 human trafficking. Such training is eligible for continuing  
44 education credit under s. 633.216(4).

45       Section 3. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (14) of  
46 section 409.175, Florida Statutes, to read:

47       409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential  
48 child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public  
49 records exemption.—

50       (14)

51       (e)1. In addition to any other preservice training required  
52 by law, foster parents, as a condition of licensure, and agency  
53 staff must successfully complete preservice training related to  
54 human trafficking which must be uniform statewide and must  
55 include, but need not be limited to:

56       a. Basic information on human trafficking, such as an  
57 understanding of relevant terminology, and the differences  
58 between sex trafficking and labor trafficking;

59       b. Factors and knowledge on identifying children at risk of  
60 human trafficking; and

61       c. Steps that should be taken to prevent at-risk youths  
62 from becoming victims of human trafficking.

63       2. Foster parents, before licensure renewal, and agency  
64 staff, during each full year of employment, must complete  
65 inservice training related to human trafficking to satisfy the  
66 training requirement under subparagraph (5) (b) 7.

67       Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
68 made by this act to section 409.175, Florida Statutes, in a  
69 reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section



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70 63.092, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

71 63.092 Report to the court of intended placement by an  
72 adoption entity; at-risk placement; preliminary study.—

73 (3) PRELIMINARY HOME STUDY.—Before placing the minor in the  
74 intended adoptive home, a preliminary home study must be  
75 performed by a licensed child-placing agency, a child-caring  
76 agency registered under s. 409.176, a licensed professional, or  
77 an agency described in s. 61.20(2), unless the adoptee is an  
78 adult or the petitioner is a stepparent or a relative. If the  
79 adoptee is an adult or the petitioner is a stepparent or a  
80 relative, a preliminary home study may be required by the court  
81 for good cause shown. The department is required to perform the  
82 preliminary home study only if there is no licensed child-  
83 placing agency, child-caring agency registered under s. 409.176,  
84 licensed professional, or agency described in s. 61.20(2), in  
85 the county where the prospective adoptive parents reside. The  
86 preliminary home study must be made to determine the suitability  
87 of the intended adoptive parents and may be completed before  
88 identification of a prospective adoptive minor. If the  
89 identified prospective adoptive minor is in the custody of the  
90 department, a preliminary home study must be completed within 30  
91 days after it is initiated. A favorable preliminary home study  
92 is valid for 1 year after the date of its completion. Upon its  
93 completion, a signed copy of the home study must be provided to  
94 the intended adoptive parents who were the subject of the home  
95 study. A minor may not be placed in an intended adoptive home  
96 before a favorable preliminary home study is completed unless  
97 the adoptive home is also a licensed foster home under s.  
98 409.175. The preliminary home study must include, at a minimum:



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99 (e) Documentation of counseling and education of the  
100 intended adoptive parents on adoptive parenting, as determined  
101 by the entity conducting the preliminary home study. The  
102 training specified in s. 409.175(14) shall only be required for  
103 persons who adopt children from the department.

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105 If the preliminary home study is favorable, a minor may be  
106 placed in the home pending entry of the judgment of adoption. A  
107 minor may not be placed in the home if the preliminary home  
108 study is unfavorable. If the preliminary home study is  
109 unfavorable, the adoption entity may, within 20 days after  
110 receipt of a copy of the written recommendation, petition the  
111 court to determine the suitability of the intended adoptive  
112 home. A determination as to suitability under this subsection  
113 does not act as a presumption of suitability at the final  
114 hearing. In determining the suitability of the intended adoptive  
115 home, the court must consider the totality of the circumstances  
116 in the home. A minor may not be placed in a home in which there  
117 resides any person determined by the court to be a sexual  
118 predator as defined in s. 775.21 or to have been convicted of an  
119 offense listed in s. 63.089(4)(b)2.

120 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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122 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

123 And the title is amended as follows:

124 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
125 and insert:

126 A bill to be entitled

127 An act relating to human trafficking; amending s.



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128 16.617, F.S.; providing the Statewide Council on Human  
129 Trafficking with an additional duty; amending s.  
130 16.618, F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision;  
131 requiring the direct-support organization of the  
132 Statewide Council on Human Trafficking to develop  
133 certain training for firesafety inspectors; providing  
134 that such training is eligible for continuing  
135 education credits; amending s. 409.175, F.S.;  
136 requiring foster parents and agency staff to complete  
137 preservice and inservice training related to human  
138 trafficking; reenacting s. 63.092(3)(e), F.S.,  
139 relating to reports to the court of intended placement  
140 by an adoption entity, to incorporate the amendment  
141 made to s. 409.175, F.S., in a reference thereto;  
142 providing an effective date.